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Dislocation Of Third Reich In Sight

Growing Evidence Accumulating From All Quarters

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, February 15.

Evidence is growing of dislocation of Hitler's Third Reich. Firstly, Schmidt, Wilhelmstrasse spokesman declares that the Crimea declaration frees Germany from all moral scruples. Every invader of Germany will meet fanatical opposition from men, women and children who knowing what is in store for them, wish to kill, murder, poison all who attempt to oppress them.

WHITE FLAG REPLACES SWASTIKA

Secondly the "Red Star" reports that a white sheet has replaced the Swastika as the German Peoples' flag. Those who are unable to flee are ready to betray everything declaiming against Hitler, pretending they are Poles trying to betray, trying anything for escaping responsibility for crimes.

Thirdly, a message from Stockholm says opposition to Nazis is widespread. Thousands were arrested after the July Bomb Plot. Arrests are continuing. Dr. Picklum, Mayor of Bochum has gone to the front for desertion.

Fourthly, Moscow Radio states that the Deputy Gauleiter of Berlin has ordered the destruction of all Nazi documents giving names of members.

Fifthly, Berlin Radio is still repeating the plight of refugees from the East indicating that evacuation is still not completed.

Sixthly, a report from Ankara says that life in Berlin is now more or less a nightmare. Berliners, now in the eleventh hour before the catastrophe cannot pull themselves together for a revolt but they are undoubtedly apathetic, tired and afraid to go about their jobs.

Cowed by Himmler's terror barricades have been constructed but Berlin is quite incapable of standing against tanks and motorised artillery of the Red Army.

STEADY ALLIED PROGRESS ON WESTERN FRONT

SHAEF (Paris), Feb. 15: General Eisenhower's communique to-day said: "Allied forces north-east of Cleve continued to advance despite flooding in the area. Our units cleared the Reichswald Forest and repulsed counter-attacks to the south of Bedburg.

South of Gennep, we made further progress against strong resistance. Troop concentrations, transport, gun positions and strong ponts in the Reichswald Forest area and at Kevelaer, Geldern, Xanten and east of Wesel were heavily attacked by medium, light and fighter bombers.

A strong patrol was dispersed by Allied artillery in the vicinity of Hellemthal, south-west of Schleiden. In the northern part of Pruem our forces repulsed a counter-attack made by enemy units which crossed the river from the east.

In the Echternach sector, we reached an area two and half miles north of Bollendorf. Other elements pushed north-east of Ferschwiler to a point half a mile from the Pruem River. Ernzen, north of Echternach, has been cleared of the enemy after stiff fighting and our units are three-fourths of a mile north-east of the town. South-east of Remich, we continued to make gains in the area north-west of Sinz.

The sector west of the Hardt Mountains and in the northern Alsace plain was quiet. Oberhofen has been cleared. The estimate of prisoners taken in clearing the Colmar area increased to approximately 20 000. Allied forces to the west captured 5,087 prisoners on February 10, 11 and 12. Throughout yesterday communications and rail and road transport behind the enemy front in western Germany, from Emmerich in the north to Freiburg in the south eastward into Germany and along the Rhine valley, were struck at by medium, light and fighterbombers in very great strength.

A large number of locomotives, railway cars and motor vehicles were destroyed, rail lines were cut in very many places and several bridges were bombed. Train and transport targets at Dresden, Chemnitz and Magdeburg, and a road bridge across the Rhine at Wesel were attacked by 1,350 escorted heavybombers. Locomotives, railway cars and railllines over a wide area of Germany were strafed by escorting fighters. Supply dumps, troop barracks and a railway yard at Iebach, near Saarbrucken, and a factory near Karlsruhe were attacked by medium bombers.

Last night heavy bombers were out in very great strength. Chemnitz, the main objective, was attacked twice and another strong force attacked a synthetic oil plant at Rositz, south of Leipzig. Berlin was also bombed. Enemy movements in north-west Germany were attacked by light bombers."—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

(COTTON JULY)
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.
New York Stock Exchange opening prices. General Motors 66-7/8 Anaconda Copper Mining 32-3/8 United States Steel Common 62-1/3 United States Steel preference unquoted.

ROOSEVELT AT MARSEILLES

LONDON, Feb. 15: The Paris Radio quoting Marseilles newspapers said this morning that on his way back from the Crimea Conference President Roosevelt had stopped at Marseilles for a short stay.

JAP ATROCITIES IN MANILA

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—United States Army photographers are obtaining documentary evidence of some atrocity incidents found in South Manila, according to a report from the Philippines capital.

The Columbia Broadcasting System commentator states that Japanese atrocities will "undoubtedly go down in history as a darker chapter than the rape of Nanking." At one point the United States Army found "bodies of 26 civilians, including nine babies, all of whom appeared to have been bayoneted, many with their hands tied behind their backs. It was the same story in other parts of the city."

Another United States Broadcaster reported that the Japanese fired homes and killed men, women and children as they fled. "Some civilians in the city were hacked to death with sabres in wanton mass murder," he added.—Reuter.

SWEDISH NATIONALS TO QUIT BERLIN

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15: Count Folke Bernadotte has gone to Berlin by air to help evacuate Swedish nationals to Sweden.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN ALLIED POSITIONS

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN H.Q., Feb. 15.—Today's Allied communique said:

"FIFTEENTH ARMY GROUP: There has been no appreciable change to our forward positions throughout the Italian front.

While on patrol off the Istrian Peninsula, on the night of February 12/13, British light coastal craft attacked a large merchant ship which broke in half and sank. The following night a force of British light coastal craft attacked and sank three heavily armed enemy craft off Vignole Bay.

Strong forces of the Fifteenth Allied Air Force escorted heavy bombers yesterday and attacked oil targets in the Vienna area and rail yards in Austria and Yugoslavia.—Reuter.

SLIGHT WITHDRAWAL BY FIFTH ARMY TROOPS

From Reuter's special correspondent at the Fifteenth Army Group Headquarters, Thursday:

Fifth Army troops south of Massa on the west coast sector have had to make a slight withdrawal round Seravezza, four miles south-east of Massa, where the Germans continue to probe the Allied lines.

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Dr. Subasic, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, and other members of his Government left London today for Belgrade.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

CANADIANS' SUCCESS

LONDON, Feb. 15: Canadian troops, striking north-east from Cleve, captured Hurnderich, 1,000 yards from the west bank of Rhine, and almost opposite the German town of Emmerich.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 15: Sweden is to expel five Gestapo leaders who have been masquerading as diplomats.

INDIAN DELEGATION IN LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 15: Seven members of the Indian Delegation to the Commonwealth Relations Conference arrived in London to-day.

Seven members who arrived to-day are: Mr. K. M. Pannikar, Mir Maqbool Mahmoud, Sir B. P. Singh Roy, Rao Bahadur Sivaraj, Mr. N. C. Mehta, Sir Buta Singh and Sir Maharaj Singh.

EIGHT ACQUITTED

HUBLI, Feb. 15: Holding them not guilty Mr. Harti, City Magistrate, Dharwar, has acquitted eight out of ten persons of Tadakod village. All the ten were charged with taking out a 'Prabhat Pheri' on February 14 and shouting slogans requesting people not to sell corn to the Government and pay assessment.—A.P.

NEW BELGIAN GOVT. TRIUMPHS

BRUSSELS, Feb. 15.—The Achille Van Acker's Government obtained a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies to-day.—Reuter.

Churchill Promises Bright Future To Greece

Greek Crowds Deliriously Cheer British Premier's Speech

ATHENS, Feb. 14.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden and Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander arrived in Athens.

ATHENS: The British Prime Minister breaking his journey home from the Crimea conference this afternoon addressed a crowd of more than 20,000 persons, massed in constitution square, Athens.

Mr. Churchill said:

Speaking as an Englishman I am very proud of the part which the British army has played in protecting this great and immortal city from violence and anarchy. Our two countries have long marched along dusty roads, united together in friendship and loyalty. Freedom and prosperity and happiness of the Greek people are dear to all nations of the British Commonwealth and the empire. We, who have been associated with you in every struggle for Greek liberty, will march with you till we reach the end of the [illegible] valley and till we reach broad highlands of justice and peace. Let no one fail in his duty to his country.

Let no one swerve from the high road of truth and honour. Let no one fail to rise to the occasion in this great moment and these splendid days. Let the Greek nation stand first in the hearts of every man and woman. Let the future of Greece shine brightly in their eyes."

"CHURCHILL DEAD" RUMOUR IN LISBON

LONDON Feb. 15: A rumour that Churchill and Eden had been killed in an airplane crash caused a sensation in Lisbon early on Tuesday.

The story ran through night bars and night clubs, spreading dismay. Proprietors told customers the doors would be closed immediately. Around crowded cafe tables in Lisbon's famous Rossio Square the story sounded "like a death knell".

The Portuguese Medical Association, holding an all-night session to enable overworked doctors to discuss problems broke up suddenly and the doctors departed hurriedly without further attempt to continue the session.

The rumour was, of course unfounded but, says the Lisbon correspondent of the "Evening Standard", its reception evoked "the most spontaneous display of genuine affection exhibited by another nation".—GLOBE.

Churchill-Franco Correspondent Leakage Echo

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The British Government is taking up with the United States the question of th unauthorised leakage of the contents of Mr. Churchill's recent correspondence with Gen. Franco, declared Mr. Attlee, Deputy Prime Minister, in the Commons today.

Mr. Martin (Labour) had asked now the substance of Mr. Churchill's letter which was denied to Parliament had been published in the United States and what action it proposed to take to prevent a continuance of episodes injurious to the authority and prestige of Parliament.

Mr. Attlee said that inquiries are being made to ascertain how the leakage had occurred. While there was nothing in the Prime Minister's reply which the British Government wish to conceal, it is contrary to established practice for the text of communications of this nature between Governments to be published. It is clearly likely to give rise to misunderstandings if unauthorised leakages of this kind took place.

WHO DID IT?

Mr. Aneurin Bevan (Labour) asked if it was not a fact that the British newspapers almost immediately after the dispatch of the letter obtained a statement purporting to give the general tendency of the letter, and it was suspected that this had emanated from Public Relation Officers to undo the mischief arising from the Prime Minister's praise of General Franco.

Mr. Attlee said that he had no confirmation of that.

Mr. McGovern (Independent Labour Party) said that the need for ending secret diplomacy and publishing the letter should be impressed on Mr. Churchill, but Mr. Attlee reiterated that it was undesirable to create a precedent.

Mr. David E. Lilienthal, left, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, talks with Indian scientists making an industrial tour of the U. S. Left to right; Mr. Lilienthal; Frank Coan of the U. S. State Department; Sir J. C. Ghosh, S. K. Mitra, J. N. Mukherji, Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, and Prof. Meghnad Saha.

WHY U. P. ASSEMBLY SPEAKER WAS ARRESTED

Purushottamdas Tandon Alleged To Have Delivered Prejudicial Speech

LUCKNOW, February 15.

The "United Press" authoritatively understands that Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U. P. Assembly and President of the Representative Assembly of U. P. Congressmen, has been arrested because he is alleged to have delivered a prejudicial speech at Gorakhpur.

The "United Press" has been authoritatively informed that Mr. Tandon's arrest did not indicate any change of attitude on the part of the Government of the United Provinces towards the Representative Assembly of the U.P. Congressmen.

TWO EX-PREMIERS MEET
WARDHAGANJ, Feb. 15.

After staying here for seven days, Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, former Premier, Assam, left for Assam this morning.

Before his departure, he had brief talks with Mr. B. G. Kher, former Bombay Premier, who arrived here this morning to attend the Kasturba Fund meeting.

Mr. Shanti Kumar Morarji, Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Mr. Byohar Rajendra Singh and others have also arrived here to attend the meeting.

It is understood that Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Vice-Chancellor, Benares Hindu University, is coming here shortly to see Mahatma Gandhi.—United Press.

INTERNMENT FOR SURAT CONGRESSMAN

SURAT, Feb. 15: The Government of Bombay have served an order on Bapubhai Vasi of Papal Bagan Village of the Choryasi Taluka of the Surat District directing him not to leave the village without the permission of the District Magistrate Surat.

Babubhai a leading Congress worker of the district was a security prisoner in Nasik Jail since August, 1942, and was released on parole on account of ill-health.—A. P.

LATHI CHARGE ON STUDENTS
PURI, Feb. 15.

Five students were injured in a Lathi charge by the police following a clash between students and police constables in the College grounds where the District Civil Defence Sports were in progress. The students have been admitted to hospital.

The District Magistrate and the Deputy Director of Civil Defence were present on the occasion. The sport were abandoned and police reinforcements arrived on the spot.—A. P.

Agra Kisan Leader Arrested

AGRA, Feb. 15: Mr. Uttamchand Jain, President of the District Kisan Sabha, was arrested under Rule 128 of the D.I.R. The charge against him appears to be alleged obstruction in the raising of war loans in village Bara.—United Press.

FIVE KILLED UNDER AVALANCHE

JAMMU, (Kashmir) Feb 15: Five persons are reported to have killed under an avalanche which swept away two houses near Vaishnodevi Hill in Katra. The bodies have been recovered.—A. P.

AMERY CHARGED WITH GIVING INCORRECT FIGURES OF DETENUS

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A question about the number of Indian detainees was asked in the Commons today by Mr. Sorensen (Labour) after referring to the statement by the Home Member in the Legislative Assembly that under the Defence of India Rules 5,708 were imprisoned and 7,574 detained on January 1, Mr. Sorensen inquired how Mr. Amery reconciled these figures with those last given by him of the number detained.

Mr. Amery replied: I have so far received no confirmation of the report referred to. I don't know what was the question to which the former reply was addressed. In reply to a previous question in this House I have given the number of persons undergoing detention without a trial in connection with the Congress movement. The number of such persons on December 1, the latest date reported to me, was 1,841.

The balance is, I assume, accounted for by some 2,000 persons detained in connection with serious outbreaks of criminal violence in Sind, which were in no way connected with the Congress movement, and persons detained in connection with terrorist activities.

Mr. Sorensen asked if the House could be given a clear picture of the various categories of detainees.

Mr. Amery: I have attempted, whenever questions are asked here, to give all information available. When questions of a different character are asked in the Indian Legislature the members of Government concerned answer those questions.

Mr. Sorensen: Will he communicate with the Government of India to see exactly how these numbers of people are made up?

Mr. Amery: Again I would point out that in these matters Law and Order are within the responsibility of the Provincial Governments and Provincial Governments act on their own when people are detained just as the courts act on their own when people are convicted. Information of that sort eventually reaches the Central Government and I can get information if I am asked specific questions.—Reuter.

Govt. Warns Milk-throwers

The public is reminded of the Government order, issued in September 1943 and amended in November 1944 which prohibits any person from destroying, throwing away or otherwise disposing of in a like manner any stocks of milk and milk products in Bombay City and the Bombay Suburban District.

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SUB-JUDGE OBEYS HIS CONSCIENCE

HYDERABAD (Sind), Feb. 15: Mr Uttamchand Kaka, a prominent Congressman who was tried before the Sub-Judge, Mr. Ghaznavi, for having read Independence Pledge on January 26, has been acquitted.

The Magistrate told Mr. Uttamchand "Crown Counsel has urged three years' R. I., but my conscience felt that you are not guilty; so I acquit you."—

Reading of pledge had also been prohibited by the Government of Sind by an order passed under Rule 56 of the Defence of India Rules banning meeting and processions on January 26.—A. P.

"PAY MORE AND SUFFER MORE"

Railway Budget Reactions

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15: "So far as travelling is concerned the railways had a past, the civilians have no present, and now we are looking forward

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to the future", commented Mr. K. C. Neogy, on the railway budget presented this morning in the Central Assembly by Sir Edward Benthall.

"Pay more and suffer more," was the comment of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta.

Prof. N. G. Ranga said: "I fear the railway budget is only an expansion of the military budget of the Government and it disguises various items of military expenditure covered by railway finance."—U.P.

Private Sentenced For Assaulting Constable

BANGALORE, Feb. 15: For striking a police constable in Bangalore, Private Wilford Booth has been charged with civil offence of common assault. He has been tried by Military Court Martial, found guilty, and sentenced to one year's detention.—United Press.

WINDOWS OF DR. B. C. ROY'S HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15: A part of the front portion of the office building of Dr. B. C. Roy's house in Wellington Street was damaged by fire at about 10 p.m. to-day.

It is reported that a rickshaw caught fire from a lamp it was carrying. Soon the vehicle was engulfed in flame and the fire spread to Dr. Roy's office building. Two windows on the ground and second floors were damaged, before the fire was extinguished.—A. P.

FIVE INJURED IN FACTION FIGHT

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 15: Five persons are reported to have been injured in a faction fight at Walsang Village, 15 miles from Sholapur. Twenty-nine persons have been arrested.—A. P.

Spain To Declare War Against Germany

All Other Neutrals To Fall In Line Except Eire

(From Our Correspondent)
LONDON, February 15.

Most of the remaining Neutrals are likely to declare war against Germany before the final crash. Information reaches London from several capitals suggesting this probability in the near future.

Spain, it is suggested, in authoritative quarters may be most reluctant to break with her old friend, Nazi Germany but even a late declaration of war by Spain is not entirely ruled out.

It is doubtful whether the countries declaring war at this stage will be allotted places at the Peace Conference Table.

Exception may be made in case of Eire which is not expected to abandon her neutrality.

There is, however, no truth in the rumour current that Neutrals now becoming Belligerents will be charged entrance fee!

TO WHOM ATLANTIC CHARTER WON'T APPLY

LONDON, Feb. 15.—Mr. Attlee, the Deputy Prime Minister, told the Commons today that the Prime Minister had been at pains to make clear in his past statements in Parliament that the Atlantic Charter could not be regarded as applying as a matter of right to the enemies of the Allies or constituting any sort of pact or bargain with them.

Sir Herbert Williams (Conservative): Does it apply to the Baltic Republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia?

No answer was given.—Reuter.

POLICE OPEN FIRE IN CHINA TOWN

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15: Two police sergeants and nine constables received injuries in a clash following the arrest of 20 persons on a charge of gambling in Calcutta's China Town yesterday, the police opened fire when surrounded by a number of people, as a result of which two Chinese were injured and removed to hospital.

DR. PURDI ELUDES HIS CUSTODIANS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

While being taken from Court to jail, Dr. Purdi, involved in the Javeri Bazar Robbery Case, requested that he should be given a cup of tea. His escorts took him to a restaurant, but in a brief movement he ran away and was not arrested till midnight. His case was heard before the Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court, and it was postponed to a later date.

Indian Bodies At T. U. Conference?

LONDON, Feb. 15: Appalled by the price of cigarettes in Britain, Indian delegates to the World Trade Union Conference are considering producing their own Indian bidies, of which they have some supply. Russian celebrities are smoking Russian cigarettes, which have an outstanding aroma.—GLOBE.

World T. U. C. On War Against Japan

LONDON, Feb. 15.—A resolution stating "the war against Japan must be prosecuted with the same vigour as the war in Europe until unconditional surrender" was presented to the World Trade Union Conference this afternoon by the Committee on Allied War effort.

The Committee which included two Soviet delegates recommended the resolution unanimously.—

Soviet To Keep Out

At the request of the leader of the Soviet Delegation, M Kuznetsov, the resolution before the World Trade Union Conference calling for the prosecution of the war against Japan was amended after it had been presented to the Conference as a unanimous recommendation of the Committee concerned.

The sentence as amend d and unanimously accepted by the Conference now reads, "The war against Japan must be prosecuted by the nations at war with her with the same vigour as the war in Europe until unconditional surrender is wrested from her as well."

The amendment was not publicly submitted by the Soviet delegation but put before the Conference by an American spokesman of the Committee after a hurried consultation with M. Kuznetsov. The original draft had been agreed to by the two Russian members of the Committee.—Reuter.

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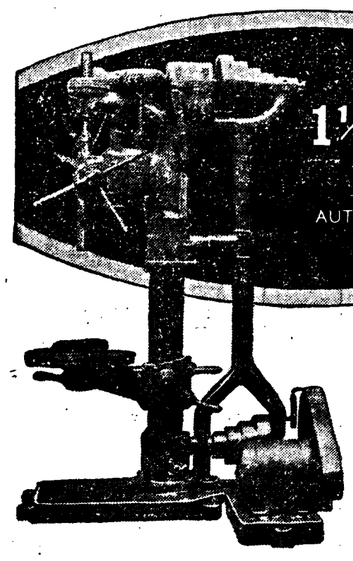

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Dr. Lokanathan's Impressions Of Pacific Relations Conference

NEW DELHI, Feb. 13.

Addressing the Members of the Indian Council of World Affairs Dr. P. S. Lokanathan, Editor "Eastern Economist" described his impressions of the proceedings of the recent Pacific Relations Conference at Hotsprings which he attended.

He said the Indian delegation was regarded as an accurate cross-section of Indian public and political opinion. It was fortunate that a leading member of the Congress, the League and the Liberal groups formed part of the delegation. The case for India they presented was a united one and the delegation stressed that the grant of independence to India should not be subject to a prior solution of the differences that existed in Indian politics.

INDIA'S KEY POSITION

In any scheme of regional security the speaker felt India was bound to occupy a key position by virtue of the geographical fact that she was the largest country with the greatest man-power linking Pacific countries with the Middle East and Europe. America being closer to Asia than to Europe was beginning to feel more and more than her destiny was linked up with Asia and India must be on the watch to see that her interests are well looked after in schemes involving Asian-American co-operation.

There was no doubt that only when India had a Repesentative National Government she could send authoritative spokesmen, who could effectively place her case before American opinion. But, meanwhile, India must not neglect to send abroad trusted and well-trained men to publicise her cause.

Dr. Lokanathan sounded a warning to those engaged in post-war economic planning for India to take into account international demands on resources and international priorities that might be allotted by countries with surplus resources in the schemes they may build. India had a strong case for relief and reconstruction and her cause should not go by default because of the absence of proper publicity and representation. Countries like the United States and Canada with large surplus resources were certain to find themselves unable to meet the demands of war devastated Europe and countries like China and Burma.

In the light of these factors, India had need to be vigilant if she was to get foreign aid in her reconstruction programme. It was not just a question of India utilising her sterling resources in Great Britain. As India would need not only what Great Britain could spare for her but also what U. S. and Canada could spare He found that already one influential section of American business opinion was being prevailed upon to regard India as solely Britain's market and such being the case American banks might not give facilities for American business to enter the Indian market direct.

Such a view had to be countered, as it was India's case that she needed all that Britain could give and more from America as India was likely to become the lynch-pin in any system of regional security embracing countries between the middle-east and the far-east. Indian industry would have to be reconstructed to be able to supply the sinews of her vastly extended defence commitments.—A. P.

BLACK SEA CHARTER FOR EUROPE—RUSSIA'S "HIGH HOPES"

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Globe's Moscow correspondent cables.

The "Big Three" having already decided upon the military measures needed finally to defeat Germany, are now, it is believed, working on a "Black Sea Charter."

It is thought to be a charter for Europe, embodying the outlines of a plan now being shaped for the treatment of beaten Germany and the revival of freed countries. It will probably include the framework of a world peace organisation evolved from preparatory work of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference.

Russians have high hopes of this conference.—Globe.

Inter School Entertainment Competition At Bandra

(From Our Correspondent)

BANDRA, Feb. 14.

High standard in variety entertainment was witnessed by a gathering of over 1,000 people at the St. Stanislaus High School Hall, Bandra, on Saturday last, when eight Suburban High Schools competed to qualify in the Inter-School Entertainment Competition held by the Board of Education of the Archdiocess of Bombay. Rt. Rev. M. M. Balaguer, S.J. Vicar General, presided.

The programme opened with "The Wedding of the Painted Doll" by the girls of St. Andrews, followed by "Inspiration to the World Peace" and operatta by the Thomas Baptista High School, Bassein, St. Joseph's Convent European section gave a grand display of "K. G. Percussion Band" and a sensation was created by St. Stanislaus High School by their display of "Plastic Art" tableaux vivants. St. Teresa's Convent, Santa Cruz, enacted a short play entitled "We are Grandmothers" while Mt. Mary's Convent brough the moon nearer to the audience by their display entitled "Mr. Moon". St. Andrew's Boy High School enacted "Dotheboys Hall" and the entertainment concluded with an Indian Dance by the girls of St. Joseph's Convent English Teaching section.

The first prize, the Mgr. D. DeSa, Championship Cup for Suburban Schools, was won by St. Stanislaus High School for their display of "Plastic Art", the second prize by St. Joseph's Convent for their "Indian Dance" and the third prize by St. Andrew's Girls High School, for their "The Wedding of the Painted Doll". The judges were Rev. Maschio, Rector of Don Bosco, Bombay, Mrs. Seddon, of American Services and Mr. Kirani, Administrative Officer, Bandra School Board.

Transport Board For Greater Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14: In regard to the future acquisition of the Calcutta Tramways Company's undertaking the Government of Bengal have intimated the Calcutta Corporation that Government will soon move to legislate for the creation of a transport board for Greater Calcutta.

The Corporation will be represented on any such board when formed, will be given a share of any surplus revenue that may accrue and shall also be paid a reasonable rent.—A. P

ALLOWANCE TO GOVT. PRESS WORKERS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 10.

An extra remuneration to the extent of 20 per cent of pay and subject to a maximum of Rs. 20 per month and minimum of Rs. 4 per month has been granted to the night-shift workers of the Government of India Press, Simla, from November 1.

This extra remuneration is for the winter months ie. November to March.

ACTIVITIES OF ZOROASTRIAN CO-OP. CREDIT BANK, LTD.

The Zorastran Co-operative Credit Bank, Ltd. has issued its balance sheet and profit and loss account for the year ended 30th June 1944, during the course of which it is stated that the transactions of the past year have resulted in a profit of Rs. 16,618-11-5. The Managing Committee recommend the payment of a 4 p.c. dividend leaving a balance of Rs. 5,697-2-9 to be carried forward. It is to be noted that the Bank's fluid resources continue sufficient to meet its liabilities. It will consider proposals for loans against Government Paper, etc. at a rate varying from 3½ to 6 p.c. according to the nature of the security offered. The Committee appeals to the Parsee Public and depositors in particular to continue their co-operation.

"PUNJAB TO HAVE PUNJABI RAJ"

GUJRAT, Feb. 14.

A declaration that the present Ministry wishes to establish a Punjabi Raj in the Punjab and not any type of communal government, was made by Sardar Baldevesingh, Minister for Development, presiding over the annual prize giving ceremony of the Khalsa High School, Mandi Bahauddin.

The Development Minister appealed to the Zamindars to bring their produce to the market so that the surplus might be made available for the deficit provinces.—A. P.

KASTURBA DAY IN DAHANU

(From Our Correspondent).

DAHANU, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Sumatibai Kirtane, President, Dahanu Taluka Congress Committee, narrated the services rendered by Shrimati Kasturba Gandhi to the cause of women in India, while presiding over the celebration of Kasturba Day in Dahanu. The function was purely private and formal. There was mass spinning for a couple of hours.

GOODS TRAFFIC CLOSED

The Regional Controller of Bombay has banned with immediate effect the movement of goods traffic, by rail for all stations between Bombay-Virar and Bombay-Kalyan. There will be no goods traffic at the following stations: Palghar, Dahanu Road, Umbergaon, Mareli, Navasari, Bulsar, etc. Probably the authorities except that goods to these stations can be sent by country craft. This order has caused great inconvenience, to the general public; it is however a relief that the movements of foodstuffs will not be made to suffer.

ELOCUTION COMPETITIONS

Annual Elocution Competitions of the K. L. Ponda High School, Dahanu, were held in the Assembly Hall of the School. Nearly 60 pupils, including girls, took part. Among the subjects on which the pupils had to speak, the following deserve to be mentioned." The position of the Adivasis in the Thana District and the ways to improve the same." "Spread of Mass Literacy and how students can help it." About ten students secured prizes.

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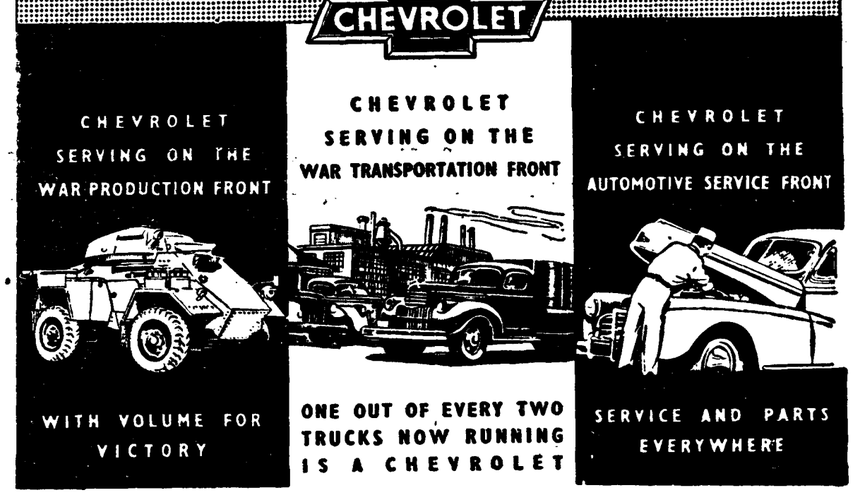
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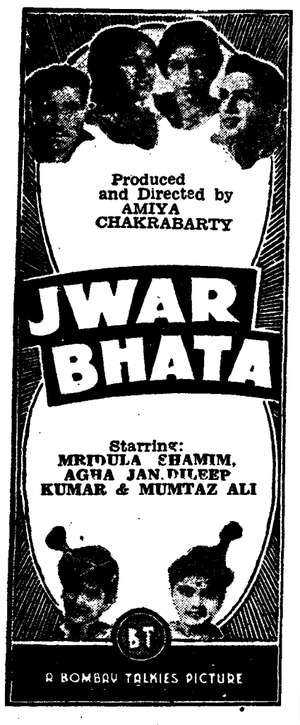
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Ghatide: 3-20, 15-44.
Lowtide: 9-33, 21-32.

To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Study Class on "Psychic Phenomena" from "The Ocean of Theosophy" by W. Q. Judge, Jenangir Wadia, Flora Fountain, to-day, at 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY: Informal meeting (members only) at 6 p.m., at Wilson College, to-day.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION DRIVE: Mass meeting at open space, Rawji Sujpal Building, Ghopadeo, at 6-45 p.m., to-day. Lecture in Marathi.

CONGRESSWORKERS' STUDY CLASS: The next talk by Miss Kapila Khandvala, Secretary Municipal Schools Committee to-day, at 7-30 p.m. (N. S. T.), on "Congress Workers and Removal of Mass illiteracy."

ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Dr. G. M. Kurulkar of the G. S. Medical College, will read a paper on "Demons of Hindu Mythology with special reference to thier bony forms" at B. B. Royal Society, Town Hall today at 6 p.m.

H. & P. EDUCATION WEEK: The celebration of the Health and Physical Education Week is being celebrated at the Institute from Monday (12) to Saturday (17th inst.). Today's (Friday) programme is from 2 to 9-30 p.m. and Saturday from 5 to 7-30 p.m. (physical demonstrations etc.) at Gowalia Tank.

TALYARKHAN BROADCASTS: Mr. A. F. S. Talyarkhan will broadcast from A. I. R., Bombay, resumes of the play in the Ranji Trophy Semi Finals, Bombay versus Northern India, to be played at the Brabourne Stadium, on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th inst., on 89.15 metres only:—

Timings will be as follows:—(16th Feb.) 8-45 p.m. to 8-55 p.m., 17th Feb. 9-45 p.m. to 9-55 p.m., (18th) 9-30 p.m. to 9-40 p.m., (19th) 8-45 p.m. to 8-55 p.m.

IN AID OF RAMAKRISHNA CHARITABLE DISPENSARY: Kumari Jyothika Roy and some well-known film stars of Bombay and Bengal will give a benefit performance at the Empire Theatre on Sunday March 4 at 10-15 a.m. Seats can be booked at the Ramakrisana Mission Ashram, Khar. Phone 88042, or at G. A. Mitbawkar and Co. Bruce Street, Opp. Central Bank of India (Phone 30700).

B. P. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: The Bombay Presidency Women's Council will held the openin. Session of their Conference on Wednesday (21st inst.) at 5-15 p.m. and the opening of the Exhibition and sale of Women's Handwork on Saturday (24th inst.) at 5-15 p.m. at the University Convocation Hall. Shrimati Kamladevi will open the Conference and H. H. The Rani Saheba of the Jasdan will open the Exhibition.

The conference will sit from Wednesday to Saturday (24th) and the Exhibition and sale of handiwork from Saturday (24th) to Saturday (3rd March).

SMT. SAROJINI NAIDU'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: A special meeting of the Tardeo and Khetwadi Taluka Congress Samitees was held on Tuesday, February 13 at 9 p.m. at the office of the Tardeo Taluka Congress Samitee to celebrate the 67th Birthday of Smt. Sarojini Naidu. Religious and National Songs were sung by Miss Prabhavati Kande and Sjt. Kaka Keni and Mr. V. M. Kande made a short speech. The meeting sent greetings to Mrs. Naidu.

SOCIAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE: The sixth conference of social workers, to discuss problems relating to the Bombay Children Act, the Borstal Schools Act and the Probation of Offenders Act, is to held in Bombay on February 19 and 20.

Sir Charles Bristow Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Bombay will open the Conference on February 19 in the University Convocation Hall. Next day the Conference will meet at the Cama Oriental Institute. This conference will be followed on February 21, and if necessary on February 22, by the Conferences of Superintendents and Probation Officrs. These will meet in the Committee Room of the Bombay Government Secretariat.

SHARK LIVER OIL TO SCHOOL CHILDREN: The Bombay Government has sanctioned a scheme for the supply of shark liver oil to children in primary schools in dispensary towns in East Khandesh district. Two doses of shark liver oil concentrated vitamin A and Vitamin D will be administered each week to about 25,000 children. The scheme has been sanctioned for six months in the first instance at a cost of Rs. 590 a month.—A. P.

Scollic To Be Escorted To Madras

D. A. Scollic, described as a high officer of the Civil Defence Department, Madras, was put up before Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, on Thursday afternoon and ordered to be forwarded back to his Province under the escort of the general branch of the C. I. D. to be tried in his own Province.

Scollic, against whom a non-bailable warrant had been issued by the Chief Presidency Magistrate of Madras, was alleged to have committed a criminal breach of trust in respect of a motor-car valued at Rs. 2,428. It was alleged that the accused dishonestly induced Bhandari and Sons, Madras, to part with Rs. 1,658.

After the non-bailable warrant was issued on being charged on January 15, the accused was arrested in Bombay.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, Feb. 16.

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244 metres (1,231 kc/s) 8-0 a.m. News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8-30 Rajnikant Desai 8-45 Nautch Dhun 8-50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 Tomorrow 9-15 Basheer Qawwal 9-30 Geet 9-45 P B Nippanikar 12-30 p.m. Marathi Songs 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 News (H) 1-0 Ghazzalen 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Jyotsna (Gorakshakar 5-15 Basheer Qawwal 5-30 Vilayat Khan (Sitar) 5-45 Topical Talk 5-55 Locals 6-0 Aunty Hilda's Half-Hour (E) 6-30 News (E) 6-40 News (H) 6-45 News Commentary 6-50 Jyotsna Gorakshakar 7-0 Jiwantil Akasmik Prasang (M) 7-15 Geet (G) 7-30 Vilayat Khan (Sitar) 7-45 Music from Film 8-0 Basheer Qawwal 8-15 News (M) 8-30 News in Gujarati 8-45 P B Nippanikar 9-0 News (H) 9.20 News (E) 9 30 B B C News 9-45 World Affairs 10-0 Jaducha Sota 10-15 Rajnikant Desai.

Dr. J. M. Kumarappa, Director of Sir Dorabji Tata Graduate School of Social Sciences, Bombay who is on a four-month tour of the United States of America, visiting Universities and studying social welfare institutions is seen here with his daughter, Pritha, examining a book at International House, in New York City. Addressing a forum at International House Dr. Kumarappa voiced a need for a larger number of Indian students going to America and of American professors going to India to teach.

'NO GREATER LOVE' AT REGAL

"The Seventh Cross" At Metro

Spencer Tracy's name is an attraction any day to lovers of good films. It is enough to say that he has been starred in "The Seventh Cross" in order to emphasise the value of this story of seven prisoners in protective custody who escape from a German concentration camp one fine morning. An appropriate cast has co-operated with Tracy and Metro Goldwyn Mayor to make a fine picture of "The Seventh Cross."

"OUR HEARTS WERE YOUNG AND GAY"

Filled withfl gaity and laughter, inspired by young romantic love and abounding in hilarious situation that two beautiful girls in their teens could produce the new Paramount film "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay" this week's fare at Eros is a gem of entertainment. Co-starring Gail Russel and Diana Lynn, the two gay innocents follow their hearts to London and Paris in search of romance. Charlie Ruggles, Dorothy Gish, Bill Edwards, James Brown fill the supporting cast. As a novel "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay" was widely read and applauded and as a screen hit it is expected to be equally popular.

"NO GREATER LOVE" AT REGAL: When Director Frederick Ermler began the making of "No Greater Love", which opens at Regal, completely spoken in English, on Friday, he meant the film to be his personal tribute to "the unknown woman" who has worked, prayed, sacrificed and fought in defence of her country. As he himself put it, "I wanted to create a picture of Mother Russia with a gun in her hand."

The exploits of Pasha, who is intended to be a composite of all Russian women, were spectacular enough, but nothing in the imagination of Ermler and his associates could top the real life deeds of Pasha's flesh-and-blood sisters. In the end they drew heavily on military records and official reports from civilian authorities for their plot and action.

There was Nina Arkhipova, radio-gunner of a medium tank crew, for example. Nina was awarded a medal for participation in the defeice of Stalingrad and she became, in part, the inspiration for a scene of Pasha crushing a Nazi officer with his own tank.

One of the most important models for the composite Pasha is Elena Ignatova who is serving with four other women in a large guerilla detachment organized and led by her husband. It is from the record of her deeds that Ermler drew scenes in which Pasha becomes a guerilla leader and plans deadly ambushes for Nazi patrols. Ignatova's group has blown up four enemy railroad trains, eight armoured cars, thirty trucks, six brdges, and has killed about 2,000 of the enemy, a record which Pasha's guerillas in the film never equalled, according to the studio's statistics.

"THE WAY AHEAD" AT EMPIRE: Here is a film that all will enjoy. It is the story of the common man, his life as he lives it every day, his reactions to war and peace, his face to face meeting with war as it is really fought, and his ultimate glory, depicted in one of the finest scenes ever seen in any film.

"The Way Ahead", which commences at the New Empire this week, has more laughter in it than tears, more excitement than argument. It is brought to life by a cast headed by David Niven, and Carol Reed's direction makes this a film which all who see and enjoy it will have something to remember and write home about.

"Flesh And Fantasy", starring Charles Boyer, Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G. Robinson, is at Palace this week.

"The Wizard Of Oz", M-G-M's spectacular technicolour with Judy Garland and Frank Morgan will be shown at Aurora this week.

"Take It Or Leave It" is revived at Strand.

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Maharashtra Chamber President's Appeal

The first quarterly gneral meeting of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce was held on Thursday evening. Mr. M. L. Dananuxar presided.

At the ouset Mr. Dahanukar expressed regret at the continuation of the political stalemate in the country and that there should be no signs of improvement. Turning to the improvement of the war situation on fronts he referred to the services rendered by the Indian people and the army to the cause and emphasized the need for an early settlement both from the national and international points of view. Immediate installation of a broad-based national Government at the Centre, accompanied by popular regimes in the provinces, is he said, a matter of necessity.

SCARCITY OF DHOTIS AND SAREES

With regard to the scarcity of Mill-made Dhotis and Sarees in the market, Mr. Dahnukar said that despite the fact that the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order was in operation, the position in respect of cotton cloth remained confused and unsatisfactory. Although the exports of cotton cloth are not known, the industry has consumed a record quantity of cotton in 1942-43. The industry, the retail and the wholesale trade in cotton cloth and yarn and the consuming public are all parts of one organic whole and all are dependent upon one another, and hence it would be to the advantage of all concerned if the different interests see things in their true perspective today and try to pull together. By so doing they will be serving themselves and others he added.

Later Mr. Dahanukar referred to the scarcity of coal and the various remedies suggested. He also dwelt upon the need for development of hydro-electric power in Maharashtra by utilising the potential resources in the Sahyadris.

"ZUBAIDAH"

People's Theatre Play At Bhangwadi Theatre

The People's Theatre's Popular Hindustani play, "ZUBAIDAH" (by K. A. Abbas) will be staged on Tuesday 20th instant as 9 p.m. at Bhangwadi Tuesatre, Kalbadevi Road.

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SEAMAN GETS 15 DAYS

Fifteen days R. I. was awarded to M. Kelly, a seaman who failed to join his ship after signing articles with a company, by Mr. Oscar H. Brown at the Esplanade Court today. The accused is alleged to have been put in a train by the Company from which he got out and never reported to his destination.

The defence of the accused was that his companion was drunk and he had to take care of him. His companion got out of the train and he followed him.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Sympathy is the safeguard of the human soul against selfishness.

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The Bombay Chronicle

RAILWAY BUDGET

The Railway Budget for the year 1945-46, introduced yesterday by Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, in the Central Assembly and by Sir Arthur Griffin, Chief Commissioner of Railways, in the Council of State, was described by the former as an unorthodox budget. But there is little remarkable about it as compared with the budgets of the last war years. It tells the familiar story of big surpluses piled up by taking from the people a great deal more than is given to them in the shape of services. The year 1943-44 closed with a surplus of Rs. 51 crores and the current year is estimated to yield a surplus of Rs. 42 crores, while the budget for 1945-46 provides for a surplus of Rs. 36.5 crores. The last surplus is perhaps, as it has often been, a deliberate underestimate designed to discourage a demand for relief to the 3rd class passengers or other desirable concessions. There is no suggestion of any such concessions. On the contrary there is the suggestion that the people have a lot of purchasing power and indulge in unnecessary travel. Says Sir Edward: "Some 10,000,000 passengers more were carried monthly in 1944 than in 1943 and 25,000,000 more now than in 1942 in spite of the relatively small increase in war activity of which the figures of coal consumption and rail movements of goods are a good index. This fact, coupled with the comparatively large percentage increase in upper and inter class passenger traffic, demonstrates beyond doubt that apart from military passengers the increase in travel is due to the increased availability of money". It is amazing the War Transport Member does not understand how even a little actual increase in war activity in cities and towns can give rise to considerable travel from villages to cities and back. As for the large percentage increase in upper and inter class passenger traffic it is clearly due to the insufferable conditions of travel in the third class. And perhaps the conditions are deliberately made so to discourage travel and to earn more profit. We are told: that the expenditure on publicity propaganda to restrict travel "has been heavily reduced". Probably the harassment of third class passengers is found a better means both to discourage travel and to compel people to pay more for higher class tickets. The Chief Commissioner of Railways unconcernedly remarks: "The efficiency of Railways as a public service, may frequently be judged by the experiences of the individual. Relatively small inconveniences, regrettable though they are, become the subject of complaints, and complaints as they increase soon turn to general criticism of the whole machine". The grievances of third class passengers are neither small nor few. And they affect millions of poor people. Their continued neglect is itself a condemnation of the whole railway organisation. It cannot be excused by the plea of war time conditions.

"The only cure for the present congestion", says Sir Edward, "is to increase passenger services, but it is impracticable for the railways to apply this remedy effectively owing to the demand for coaching stock for the transport of armed forces the shortage of supplies, particularly of timber, for constructing new coaches, and finally the coal shortage which necessitates the consideration of coal in whatever ways are possible". The increase of passenger services is certainly an effective remedy but not the only one that can be adopted either by the Railway Board or by Government. Both could have helped an extension of bus service but both have co-operated in curtailing it. Government could also have done much to expand country boat traffic. But this, too, has been neglected. The difficulties mentioned by the War Transport Member cannot be denied but they are exaggerated. They could have been foreseen and provided against. Locomotives could have been manufactured in India years ago. But a bare beginning has been made so far in this direction. Better results would have been achieved if in addition to imported locomotives machinery for their manufacture could also be imported.

The root cause of the failure of the Railway Board is that neither the Board nor the Government of India is wholly Indian and neither is at all responsible to the Legislature. Sir Edward tells us that the Indian railways are now "99 3/4 per cent operated by Indians and Anglo-Indians". If the petty clerks and coolies are included in the reckoning the percentage is quite accurate. But Sir Edward has discreetly concealed the percentage of the higher officers who direct and carry out the policy of the railways. We are not given the latest figures but in March 1941 the percentage of Europeans among gazetted officers was 43 and of Anglo-Indians and domiciled Europeans was 9.48. These figures are unconscionably out of proportion to the population strength of these communities, nor can they be said to be determined solely by merit. They are a glaring proof of downright racial favouritism. And such a policy is bound to lead to inefficiency and to lack of regard for the needs of the common people, evils amply illustrated by the annual railway budgets and the official speeches therein.

Frankly Speaking

Vatican-Moscow Trouble

Trouble had been brewing for some time between Moscow and the Vatican. There was a protest against the pronouncements and activities of the Pope by the dignitaries of the Russian Church and there was also a criticism of the Vatican policy by "Pravda" to which the organ of the Vatican the "Osservatore Romano", replied. It is not to be wondered at that that trouble is coming to a head. Whether it will develop into a "crisis" we do not know. But, we fear, the Vatican case is weak. Why should anything have been said about Catholic Italy, meaning of course that Italy should be treated with kindness which as an ex-belligerent she does not deserve? As to Poland, the Curzon Line is not an inequitable solution nor does Yalta fail to take into account the fact that there are many representative elements outside the Lublin. Nor have the Big Three pronounced against freedom of faith. In fact, they do apply the Atlantic Charter to Europe, though not to the rest of the world.

Record Air Attack

The Yalta declaration has in one respect been put into immediate effect. The air offensive by the Anglo-American air forces has been stepped to what the Germans must regard as a terrible extent. A record was created with Dresden as the target when in a round the clock attack it received in twenty-four hours a terrific hammering by over two thousand bombers. It must be a city of ruins and rubble. For the Germans it is a worse blow at the moment because it is strategically vital for their defence against Marshal Koniev who is now less than 70 miles from Dresden. With Dresden flattened their communications will be choked and upset. And apparently the new record scale disruption and disorganisation of the German rear by the Allied forces continues.

A Likely Attempt

An American expert has given the warning that "as the war in the Pacific progresses, certain elements in Japan may soon come forward with an offer of negotiated peace to avert a crack." This is not unlikely. The Jap militarists have realised that they cannot stand against their opponents whose overwhelming might is bearing down upon them irresistibly. In fact, they already know that they are beaten even without the intervention of Russia and they also know that if Russia intervened they would be faced with a terrible situation. In the circumstances it is possible for the Japs to seek to negotiate peace in order to be able to live and fight another day. But their efforts in this direction are doomed to inevitable failure. The pattern of the peace to be imposed has already been decided upon in the case of Germany. It will apply to Japan also without any concession or modification.

Russian Assistance

But once the Japs are convinced that they cannot escape full and complete defeat and its consequences, they will fight far more fanatically than the Germans. This certainty is more than obvious from the resistance that the Allies have had to contend with since they launched their offensives against Japan. Suicidal fight, the fight to the last man is a general rule with the Japs and not an exception. This means that the completion of Japan's defeat will be a long and arduous affair. Here comes the great value of Russia as an actual or even a feared belligerent. If the Russians enter the war victory over Japan will become decisively easy and much more speedy. But even without active participation, it is now clear Russia will immobilise a very considerable strength of Japan's crack armies. From now on the Japs would simply not dare to weaken their front in Manchukuo and, in fact, they would probably strengthen it further. This by itself would be valuable assistance by Russia to her Allies. The Japs do not possess "crack" troops in unlimited number. More than a million of such veterans have already been killed or by-passed and, therefore, immobilised or are faced with imminent doom. Of the rest, nearly half will have to be kept waiting for the Russians in Manchuria, unable to participate in any fight against the Allies. This in itself is a great gain and may help to bring an American invasion of the Chinese east coast appreciably nearer.

CRISIS IN U.N.R.R.A.?

Evatt Sees Signs Of Frustration

SYDNEY, Feb. 15.—The UNRRA Far East Conference opened at the Laonstone Hotel here on Wednesday with the United States Delegation Leader, Mr. Abbot Low Moffat, and the Philippines leader, Dr. Rotor, absentees. The whereabouts of Mr. Morfat, who was due by air last week, is a mystery and last night Washington was asked by cable if it could trace him. As she is not at war against Japan, Russia is not a representative.

Dr. Tsiang, the Conference Chairman, in the opening address, expressing the hope that the UNRRA would approach the Pacific problems realistically to get action rather than speeches and resolutions, said: "We must catch up with our military friends otherwise they will say it is the civilians who are delaying. It is our task to get to work and plan in detail for the relief of suffering humanity in this area."

Emphasising the tremendous region involved with different nationalities and different languages Dr. Tsiang added: "We must keep in mind the peculiar conditions facing us. It is not our task by providing rehabilitation to force these peoples into straight jackets."

Dr. Evatt, the Australian Minister for External Affairs and temporary Minister of Supply and Shipping, said: "Something of a crisis is emerging in relation to UNRRA's affairs and functions. It must be admitted by the candid observer that there are signs of frustration and dissilusionment due to the fact that despite much elaborate organisation the UNNRA has not functioned yet to any extent in Europe. Three weaknesses which are particularly apparent from the viewpoint of the Far East and the South-West Pacific areas are many delays in the commencement of UNRRA's activities in liberated areas, over-centralisation of administration and need for wider national representation at all levels on the UNRRA Administration and staff."—Reuter.

MANY GERMANS WAR-WEARY AND MAY WELCOME SURRENDER

"It Will Take Long To Conquer German Mind"

By D. F. KARAKA.
("Chronicle" War Correspondent)

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY. Feb. 14.

A member of United States army living in the attic of a farmhouse in Northern Italy is fighting a psychological war against Germany. Its dark flight steps lead to his one-roomed attic, trough a humble room wherein the Italian peasant family still lives. Below the atmosphere is earthly, of—potatoes and clothes hanging to dry, and of soup in making. Above in the soldiers room, is being waged a war for men's minds. On the walls of the room hang pictures of his father and other family portraits, pictures of Hollywood starlets cut from magazines, reproductions of surrealistive art and samples of leaflets, which have been weapons of psychological war. The tone of German leaflets indicate the trend of German psychology. They are grim, ugly, ghastly as judged from his constant use of graves, skulls and ghosts. In other leaflets he is lewd and pornographic unsubtle, as judged from the use of pictures of naked women with which he hopes to capture the Allied soldiers' mind.

Asked about German Morale as judged from the prisoners of war with whom he came in close contact, he said: "Of course, their morale is going down, but that is natural. It has been a gradual decline accentuated by the letters he has received from his home. But what is surprising is that some still think they have a winning chance." The mentality of the German soldier is that he will continue fighting as long as he is ordered to do. They cannot conceive of the idea of disobedience. "They cling to the last hope that if Germany holds out long enough there may be conflict among Allies. There is also the fear of what will happen afterwards to Germany. They fear Russia very much."

CAUSE OF NAZI DEFEAT

He continued: A large percentage of Germans are just war-weary. They are apathetic. Others are actively anti-Nazi and the rest are still fanatically Fascist. They are, broadly speaking, incapable of taking a revolutionary initiative. But if the armies surrender they and the people of Germany would be relieved."

Asked as to what they attributed their defeat he said: "Exclusively to Allied military and material superiority. Morally, mentally and strategically they believe they were always superior."

NO BAD CONSCIENCE IN GERMAN PEOPLE

He told me that he had received a letter from a war correspondent who was in Aachen recently. The correspondent said it was most discouraging to see complete absence of bad conscience in the German people. This was partly because they did not know and partly because they did not want to know. They do not believe nor know of mass murders in Poland. They are unaware of their concentration camps. They are just terribly sorry about themselves and feel doomed because Germany is poor.

The problem that faces the Allies when they occupy Germany is tremendous. They may have conquered German territory, but it will take long to conquer German mind.

"BRITISH ARMY WILL NOT VOTE FOR HOLDING INDIA"

Because They Do Not Want To Go Back To That Country, Says Torrick Ameer Ali

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Sir Torrick Ameer Ali, Adviser to the Secretary for India, addressing the Central Asian Society on relations between the British and the Indian armies in London today said: "I believe that after the war 97 per cent of the British Army will vote for not holding India simply because they do not want to go back to that country."

Sir Torrick expressed the belief that the views of the British Army in India would count a great deal in England after the war and added: "In India the war has been a very terrible thing. Because of this existing poor conditions the British soldier has not found things too pleasant. Famine and rising prices against already limited incomes had prevented the Indian peoples from treating the British soldier as they would like to have done."

INDIAN BAZAR

Sir Torrick said Indian bazaars had done more than anything else to prejudice the British soldier against India. "The most important factor about the British Army in India today is the general 'browned off' feeling which exists among the British," added Sir Torrick. "This feeling was not having a good effect on the Indian Army."

Regarding the feeling between the two armies, Sir Torrick said the young officers were less inclined to be friendly simply because they had other amusements—clubs and entertainment.

Colonel B. F. Montgomery, brother of Field Marshal Montgomery, referring to the American attitude towards India said: "Americans in India do not understand the East. Their impact in that country is much more serious than that of the British Army." Colonel Montgomery stressed that the British soldier was not educated about India generally before he left the English soil. This was almost important point which he thought deserved more attention.

Mr. Morgan Phillips Price, Labour Member for Forest Dean, said: "India is passing through a colossal economic problem. We can only help by psychological education and understanding."

General Sir John Shea presided.—Reuter.

SILESIAN FRONT BLAZES OVER 120 MILES

German Forces Being Squeezed Between Zhukov And Koniev

MOSCOW, Feb. 15.

From Reuter's special correspondent:

Marshal Koniev's Silesian front to-day blazed up over a distance of nearly 120 miles as the Red Army put a squeeze on wider and wider stretches of the Oder Line, south-east of Berlin.

While Marshal Zhukov masses on the right bank of the river and holds German fortification troops at their posts Marshal Koniev is wheeling up behind the Germans in a north westerly drive which has carried him to within about 90 miles of the Reich capital.

APPROACHING DRESDEN

Though during the past 24 hours there have been no fresh gains westwards from Bunzlau, where Marshal Koniev's forces are nearest to Dresden, there has been an almost explosive expansion of the line of this town which has considerably broadened the main front against Saxony.

SOVIET BOMBERS BUSY

Fresh fleets of Soviet bombers today took off to pound German forces on Marshal Koniev's trans Oder front. Bridges over the river have now been strengthened and widened, and reinforcements, tanks and guns, moving over as swiftly as they can, reach the eastern bank. Soviet-occupied territory beyond the Oder has become a tremendous and almost self-contained base. Huge dumps of war material piling up hourly are now feeding the front over rapidly lengthening communication lines.

On the northern front, Marshal Rokossovsky's forces, in a new invasion of Germany, have crossed the Reich frontier north-west of Bydgoszcz.

BREAKING IN POMMERANA

BROMBERG: Breaking into Pomerania from the western edge of the Polish Corridor, they captured several German villages and townships in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. The Germans' Baltic front has crumbled anew under steady thrusts of Marshal Rokossovsky's tanks and storm-troops who are here moving through lakland defence chain guarding the approaches to Danzig and Gdynia.

RIVER NEISSE REACHED

Marshal Koniev's troops of the First Ukrainian Front reached the River Neisse, within some 50 miles of Dresden, after an advance of 2 miles. News of this break-through was given to-day by "Pravda's" man with Marshal Koniev's forces who also disclosed that "whole groups" of German towns had been captured, by-passed or sealed off in the advance.

The Russians are now believed to be fighting for bridgeheads across the Neisse simultaneously with the launching of an assault on Goerlitz, which is the hub of a big industrial area and the junction of several trunk roads and railways.

ENCIRCLING CHOJNICE-KONITZ

Further north Soviet tanks are now striking to encircle the important junction of Chojnice-Konitz, 60 miles south-west of Danzig, while infantry is driving into the outskirts in sharp house-to-house fighting. Meanwhile the German collapse at Schneidemuehl has strengthened Marshal Zhukov's hand in the sector south of Neustettin, which represents the nearest point to the Baltic, the Russians have reached in a fortnight of battles on this front.

A "Pravda" dispatch, which brings the Red Army to within 50 miles of Dresden and on the last approaches to Goerlitz came as a bolt from the blue since the latest Soviet 'communique' had not indicated any such dramatic advance on this sector. Kohlfurt, an important railway junction between the Bober and the Neisse appears to have been by-passed by Marshal Koniev's forces.

Dobbie's Plea For India

LONDON, Feb. 15.—As the Chairman of the India League and on behalf of a number of members of Parliament interested in India, Mr. William Dobbie (Member of Parliament) has addressed a letter to Sir Walter Citrine to ask that "the British delegation at the World Trade Union Congress express their desire and hope that in the planning of peace and in post-war world India will take her place as a great and free country."

Mr. Dobbie's letter adds: "Such expression we feel would come most appropriately from our own British delegation at this historic gathering. It would evoke not only the warm approval of our own people, but be welcomed both in India and the rest of the freedom-loving world as a fine gesture and as an affirmation of the principles and hopes that we desire and are determined to see established.

We think that the initiative in this matter should come from the British delegation who are free from any embarrassments whereto other delegates may be subject. It would also be the fulfilment of what indeed is our special concern in view of our relations with India."

The Executive Committee of the India League has communicated the contents of the letter to Mr. S. A. Dange "as the head of the Indian delegation for appropriate action by your delegation at the Congress." The letter to Mr. Dange adds: "India no less than China is not only entitled but must in the interests of world peace and security be assured of freedom and power to assist in world reconstruction and peace."

San Francisco, World Peace Headquarters?

LONDON, Feb. 15.—It can now be told that the United States would like the site of the new associations of nations to be on the American soil, possibly San Francisco where the United Nations Conference will be held in April next.

Russia is holding out for Vienna and Britain would like the assembly in a place more quickly accessible than America.

However all the three powers are opposed to Geneva, because the City is synonymous with the failure and breakdown of the old League of Nations.—United Press of India.

YOUTH DIES OF TORTURE

Three Constables Convicted

LAHORE, Feb. 15.

Two police constables Sher Mohammad and Mond. Sharif, were convicted and sentenced today by Rai Sahib Chaudhri Kanharsingh, Additional District Magistrate, Lahore, to six months' R.I. each on a charge of torturing and wrongfully confining a suspect in a theft case. Choudhri Abdul Hamid, Headconstable, was sentenced to a fine of Rs. 300 or in default three months' imprisonment while Sub-Inspector Surjeetsingh and Constable Jan Mohammad were acquitted.

According to the prosecution the accused took into custody a young Muslim, Sirajdin, of village Makhkhurd in Lahore District in connection with a theft case and tortured him by using third degree methods as a result of which he died during the investigation of the case.

The accused are also alleged to have tortured a woman, Inayat Bibi.—A.P.

25 Students Drowned

MADRAS, Feb. 15.—About 25 students are reported to have been drowned in a ferry boat disaster at Bhimavaram in the West Godavari District. It is stated about 40 students of the Bhimavaram High School who were returning home for holidays, boarded a boat on Tuesday afternoon to cross the Yennamadurra drainage canal. While the boat was a few yards from the bank it capsized and most of the inmates were drowned. By nightfall six bodies were recovered.—A.P.

MISTOOK POISON FOR WINE BOTTLES

JHANSI, Feb. 14: According to a message received from Chirgaon, Jhansi District, a wagon loaded with tins of kerosene oil caught fire at Chirgaon railway station, resulting in the destruction of oil estimated at 3,000 gallons, it is stated that a spark from a passing engine dropped inside the wagon and the oil tins caught fire.

Four labourers in the local railway goods shed died by accidently drinking poison. It is understood that while unloading a wagon, the labourers were attracted by a parcel of bottles, which they mistook for bottles of wine. Three persons died immediately and the fourth is on his way to hospital.—A. P.

Bombay Engineer In U. S.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Lalchand Hirachand and Mr. G. D. Daftary, former Chief Engineer of the Bombay P.W.D., have arrived in America it is learnt here to discuss the preliminaries and detailed programme for the manufacture of automobiles in India with the Chrysler Corporation.

LADY MOUNTBATTEN IN ARAKAN

ADV. HQ. ALFSEA, Feb. 15: Lady Lou's Mountbatten, continuing her tour of the forward areas, opened and became the first guest of a new Y.W.C.A. Services Club, "Kuruskhul House", in Arakan.—A. P.

Corporation Appointments

Debate Over Proposal For Public Service Commission

The issue of appointing Municipal Officers was discussed at a meeting of the Municipal Corporation, on Thursday. Mr. Nagindas T Master, the Mayor, was in the chair.

Mr. Vasantram Jamiatram moved that the letter of the Municipal Commissioner, dated April 5, 1944, reporting on the question of amending the Municipal Act, so as to provide for appointments to posts, the power of appointing which vested in the Corporation, being made on the recommendation of the Public Service Commission or a Selection Board to be set up by the Corporation, be recorded with the recommendation of the Law Revenue and General Purposes Committee.

Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hussein moved an amendment that the subject-matter be referred back to the Committee for reconsideration.

Marshall Concerned With Italian Lull

D. F. Karaka, "Chronicle" War Correspondent

Somewhere in Italy, February 14.

On his return from the Crimea Conference, the United States Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, chose an out-of-the-way airfield in Northern Italy to land. He spent the night at a nearby west coast town, avoiding formal appearance in the capital city. A burly Negro sentry guarded his special plane overnight.

Obviously General Marshall wants firsthand information regarding the static Italian front.

tion in the light of the discussion.

He stated that the proposal to vest recommendatory powers with the Public Service Commission might appear reactionary. But he felt there was a need for minimising the cause of differences on the question of appointment which caused heart-burning to parties and communities, while a few crumbs of employment were being distributed. At present the members were accessible to their respective constituencies and as human beings, were amenable to influences.

Mr. N. C. Bharucha, seconding the amendment, criticised the Congress Party and added that the present system should be radically altered.

Mr. Motichand Kapadia said that the amendment suggested a remedy worse than the disease itself, as it made over the powers to a body which was not only foreign but imperialistic.

Mr. S. K. Patil, leader of the Congress Party, agreed, to a certain extent, with the criticisms made by Mr. Mirza Akhtar but joined issue with the remarks made by Mr. Bharucha as eminent individuals who were in the Corporation in the past before the Congress Party came, had their own political leanings. The issue was whether they should barter away their precious rights earned after half a century of fight. But any suggestion to have a Municipal Public Service Commission, beyond approach, was worth considering.

Dr. G. R.A. Sheik, Dr. S. P. Mehta and Messrs. R. K. Patnis and M. C. E. Patel supported the amendment.

Mr. M. V. Donde, supporting the amendment asked whether the proposed Municipal Public Service Commission would be responsible to the Corporation and, if so it would not be a remedy. With regard to the arguments that powers vested in the local bodies should not be bartered away, Mr. Donde pointed out that the powers of the local bodies, outside Bombay, to appoint officers—powers vested in them since 1923—were taken away by the popular ministry in 1938.

Mr. Gole observed that the Corporation enjoyed the power of appointing administrative officers since 1907.

Mr Donde: I did not refer to the Bombay Corporation but to outside local bodies.

Mr. Gole added that the Bombay Corporation was running its administration very well.

The amendment, when put to vote was lost and when a poll was demanded, the result was confirmed by 16 voting for it and 29 against.

The original proposition was then carried.

Malayali Girl Missing

A Malayali girl aged about 14 years, of dwarfish build and dark complexion, wearing white sari and blouse is reported to be missing from her residence since 12th morning.

Any trace of her should be communicated to the proprietor Wist Coast Hindu Restaurant, Gunbow Street, Bombay. The girl's name is JANAKI.

RS. 430 FOUND MISSING

Mr. G. K. Rao residing in the Advani Chambers, Sir P. Mehta Road lost over Rs. 430, his savings for the year 1944 and his salary for the month of January 1945. Any body finding the same is requested to return the amount to Mr. G. K. Rao C/o. B. G. Horniman, "Bombay Sentinel."

INDIA EDITORS LEAVE FOR DAMASCUS

BAGHDAD, Feb. 15.—After touring Baghdad and Indian units in Iraq, and being entertained by General Sir Arthur Smith, Commander-in-Chief, PAI Force, and by the Iraqi Press, the visiting Indian editors have left for Damascus on their way to the Middle East and Italy.—Reuter.

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WITHOUT COMMENT—

NEW DELHI, Feb. 14.

In a written reply to Mr. R. R. Gupta, Sir Ardeshir Dalal stated that subject to the limitations of exchange, Government could have no objection to the collaboration of Indian industrialists with American interests, if technical assistance and plants could be more advantageously secured from that source than any other.—A. P.

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Replying in the Central Assembly, Sir Francis Mudie stated that Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's letters were addressed to the Viceroy and, therefore, "the Government of India were not concerned regarding their publication."

After which very conclusive answer you must keep quiet and concern yourself no longer regarding the letters or their publication.

In fact, there is nothing else you can do.

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In the Central Assembly there was elicited the other day the interesting information that expenditure on the National War Front Organisation was over 24 lakhs of rupees in 1942-43 and over 44 lakhs—repeat over 44 lakhs—in 1943-44.

But we bet you not to be surprised at either figure or both of them. Like its "invisible" exports and imports, Public Finance has its invisible results also which are none the less very real, worth indeed some 70 lakhs in two years.

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In a cable to the World T. U. C. President, the President of the A.-J. T.U.C. contends that "Mr. M. N. Roy's Federation of Lahore represented the workers of India no more than does the man in the moon represent the British people."

But Comrade M. N. Roy, whom the Labour Federation represents, is more than a man in the moon.

And, by the way, it should be Messrs. M. N. Roy's and J. M. Mehta's Federation of Labour.

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A Karachi message says that immediately on his return from Bombay "Mr. G. M. Syed was closeted with Shaikh Abdul Majid M.L.A."

Mr. Syed has obviously blundered. The man whom Mr. Jinnah appealed to Mr. Syed to get closeted with is Sir Ghulam Husain Hidayatullah NOT Shaikh Abdul Majid.

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Said Mr. Winston Churchill at Athens: "Freedom and prosperity and happiness of the Greek people are dear to all nations of the British Commonwealth and the Empire."

Yes Sir, Mr. Churchill was speaking of freedom for others in the name of "the Empire."

For the sake of Greece we are glad Archbishop Damaskinos was not tactless enough to provoke Mr. Churchill with a reciprocal assurance that the Greeks also held dear the freedom of all nations of the British Commonwealth and Empire."

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Apropos of the unknown whereabouts of Suez Canal shares held by the Italian Government and suspected to have been pinched by the Nazis, Mr. Richard Law assured questioners in the Commons that he was watching to see that the Nazis "did not get away with the swag."

There is, of course, no worry about the main Sw—we mean, the Suez Canal itself which nobody can get away with from Britain.

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There is, reports Globe, considerable speculation in London on the possibility of "northern blows" mentioned in the Yalta declaration.

One way of setting this speculation at rest is to recall that it is a repetition of earlier declarations

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Patient: "Is the dentist in? I want to make an appointment."

Maid: "He's out."

Patient: "Good! when will he be out again?"

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Your wife, as well as your sins, will find you out.

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A halting speech may be the result of a lame excuse.

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If a husband foots his wife's bills she should at least foot his hosiery.

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An old bachelor says that women are given to small talk in large quantities.

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Some women don't seem to care who does the thinking just so they are permitted to do the talking.

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When a middle-aged man faces the person with a 16-year-old girl he doesn't begin to get the sympathy he is entitled to.

Mahatma Counsels Arbitration

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 15

It is reliably learnt that on the question of dispute between the Millowners' Association and workers, Mahatmaji has sent his instructions in which he is reported to have urged settlement through arbitration.

WORKERS REFUSE TO ACCEPT BONUS BY INSTALMENTS

SHOLAPUR, Feb. 15: Nearly 9,000 workers, including women, on day-shift in certain mills here did not accept the first instalment of bonus given to them today. Work, however, is being continued unaffected.—A. P

WHERE LEAGUE SESSION WILL BE HELD

LAHORE, Feb. 13: Following the Punjab Government's refusal to allow the use of the Minto Park for the coming session of the All-India Muslim League the Reception Committee is understood to have decided to hold the session in Mian Amiruddin's estate two or three furlongs to the west of Minto Park.—A. P.

TWENTY-FOUR BEVIN BOYS BACK HOME

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Twenty-four technicians, trained under the Bevin Boys Scheme, arrived this week in India after completing their training in the United Kingdom. These Boys belong to the 10th batch of Bevin trainees which left India in March 1944. Including the trainees just arrived, the Bevin Training Scheme has provided India with 583 skilled workers.

Dr. Radha Kumud Mukherji has accepted Presidentship of the All-India National Trade Union Congress in succession of Mr. Jamnadas Mehta.

Use Of Indian Army To Fight Greeks?

Adjournment Motion Disallowed

Commander-In-Chiefs' Review Of War Situation

NEW DELHI, February 15.

The President disallowed two adjournment motions, one by Mr. Hossain Imam on "the wrongful use of the Indian army to fight Allied people in Greece" and the other by Mr. P. N. Sapru on the "failure of the Government to carry out the direction given to Government in regard to South Africa".

The President disallowing Mr. Hossain Imam's motion said that it required the sanction of the Governor-General, and in regard to Mr. Sapru's motion, the subject had been fully discussed, and if the member desired further discussion, he could give notice of a resolution on the subject.

Mr. M. Thirumala Row (Congress) and Sardar Bahadur Nawab Asadullah Khan Raisani (nominated) were sworn in to-day.

Usman's Angry Retort

Answering a question put by Raja Yuvaraj Dutta Singh, asking what need there was for publicity in America, Sir Mohammed Usman, leader of the House said:

"When persons like Mrs. Vijaiaksmi Pandit say in America that there are no religious differences in India and it is the British who are dividing the people and when they further say that Indian soldiers who are distinguishing themselves in the present war, are "rice soldiers", there is a very strong reason for giving correct information to America."

Commander-In-Chief's Review

In a review of the war situation made in the Council of State, H. E. the Commander-in-Chief, in reply to a question by Raja Yuvaraj Dutta Singh said: "I have no hesitation in saying that we can be proud indeed of the part which India is playing in this tremendous struggle and of the contribution which she is making towards final victory over our enemies, and I know this House will join me in saying that the Indian fighting man deserves well of his country and that this should not be forgotten when peace returns to the world."

"On the mainland of Asia", the Commander-in-Chief said, "The past few weeks have witnessed a most reassuring development, namely, the re-opening after three long years of the Burma Road. True, it is not the same Burma Road throughout its length as was closed when the Japanese overran Burma, but in its present form, it is capable of carrying as much traffic as the original road. As the Honourable Members know, the road leads from Ledo in North-East Assam down through the Hukawng valley in North Burma, until it links up with China at the small border township of Wanting. Indian brains and Indian brawn have contributed largely to the reopening of the Burma Road, which will assuredly play a material part in building up China's capacity to resist Japanese infiltration. Indeed, the situation in China itself, which till recently had shown signs of grave deterioration, is now more healthy, and there are indications that under the forceful leadership of the Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and his chief of staff, Lieut.-General Wedemeyer, the Japanese thrust into the interior will be not merely stemmed but reversed.

OPENING OF LEDO ROAD

"This opening of the Ledo Road, of course, is a sequel to the major military successes which our armies in the South East Asia Command have won under the supreme leadership of Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten. Once again, we in India can legitimately claim a share in the credit for these successes. The Fourteenth Army commanded by General Sir William Slim (himself an Indian Army Officer) is predominantly Indian in its composition, and is dependent almost entirely for all that it needs to enable it to fight, on our vast base organisation."

The Commander-in-Chief continued: "The vaunted Japanese 'March on Delhi' of which we heard so much in the spring and early summer of last year will still be fresh in the minds of Honourable Members. So will its sequel—the flinging back in utter confusion of these arrogant and reckless invaders and their virtual annihilation in the jungles and mountains of the Burma-Assam border. How well our troops acquitted themselves in the long drawn out and bitter fighting which ranged from Manipur to Mandalay is now a matter of history. On behalf of this House I would like to pay tribute to the prowess of the British, East and West African, Nepalese and Indian soldiers who frustruated the overweening ambition of the Japanese. Their efforts have been nobly partnered by our American and Chinese Allies in the Northern Area Combat Command.

IN THE ARAKAN

"Not less noteworthy are the victories which have attended our arms on the Arakan Coast. Here too, we have shown that we are more than a match for the Japanese at their own game. Some of our landings on the coast of Burma have been unopposed as at Akyab. Others have been sternly contested as at Myebon and Ramree. But in every case, we have proved that we can fight our way ashore, and given support from the air as well as the requisite guns and armour, can chase the Japanese from whatever defences they can devise.

I do not wish to strike too confident a note. Honourable Members must realise, as our fighting men do, that the Jap is a tough and relentless foe who in most cases must be exterminated before he is defeated. We all know that a great deal of bitter fighting, involving heavy casualties, lies ahead before Burma can be liberated and the war carried into other Japanese occupied territories further east. Nevertheless, we can fairly say that we have got the Japanese on the run, no less surely than the Americans have in the South-West Pacific, and this is a heartening thought.

Referring to the part played by Indian troops in other theatres of war, the Commander-in-Chief said: "As in the arduous campaigns in the Middle East and North Africa, so in Italy, Indian troops have played an important part in the struggle. The presence of three Indian divisions in the succesive assaults on the Gustav Line and the Gothic Line has been revealed at one time or another. These divisions have added fresh renown to the fame of India's arms. No hardships or dangers have proved too much for them; the rigours of campaigning in the snow-clad Apennines have not damped their ardour, and we have recently had the tribute of a Canadian war correspondent who reported that 'even when icicle-covered the Indians always attack.' We in India naturally take pride in the prowess of our men, and I think it is only fair to add that apart from the natural toughness of the Indian soldier his exploits in Italy do credit to the strenuous and realistic training given to recruits in India in our training centres all over the country. Our training organisation bears comparision with any in the world."—A.P.

Interpellations In Council

The Council of State began its session to-day with the presentation of the Railway Budget by the Chief Commissioner of Railways, Sir Arthur Griffin. The President Sir Maneckji Dadabhoy was in the chair.

At question time Mr. Shavax A. Lal, Joint Secretary, Legislative Department, informed Kumar N. N. Sinha that India's contribution to the League of Nations since 1921 to 1944 totalled Rs. 2,17,07,212. Asked whether Government proposed to relieve India of the financial obligation to the League, Mr. Lal said that Government were not prepared either to withdraw from the League, or to default in the payment of the contribution.

LEND-LEASE AID

Sir Cyril Jones, Finance Secretary, replying to Yuveraj Dutta Singh in regard to the continuance of the Lend-Lease Aid after the defeat of Germany said that the Government of India were represented at certain discussion between the Government of the United States and His Majesty's Government regarding the continuance of Lend-Lease aid to the British Empire after the defeat of Germany, as a result of which it was hoped that India would continue to receive Lend-Lease assistance on the same basis as before, after the war with Germany was over. No formal agreement had been entered into.

There were altogether 14 Indian army welfare officers in Italy now and the needs and interests of Indian troops received constant attention, declared Sir Firoz Khan Noon, Defence Member, replying to Raja Yuveraj Dutta Singh who asked whether the Government's attention was drawn to a press report published in April last that at present Indian soldiers in Italy seemed the most neglected among the troops of the United Nations, as regards comforts and amenities from their home country. The Council adjourned till Friday.—A.P.

RANJI TROPHY

BOMBAY VS. NORTHERN INDIA IN INTER-ZONE SEMI-FINAL

(By J. C. MAITRA)

The Inter-Zone Semi-final in the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy will commence at the Brabourne Stadium today at 11-15 a.m. the contending parties being Bombay and Northern India.

The home team has made two changes in the combination which defeated Baroda in the West Zone final. Madan Ranji and Uday Merchant have displaced Jehangir Khot and Anwar Hussain. What has happened to Khot Heaven alone can tell! He has been one of our best and most reliable all-rounders for the last few years. But of late he has hardly done anything of importance in any department. More than that, his behaviour on and off the field has not been very satisfactory. Well, Jehangir, you should try and regain your old reputation soon.

TWO CHANGES

Madan Raiji has not been seen in his best colours this season. As an all-rounder, we may hope that he will contribute his useful quota one way or another. Anwar Hussain is an unstable quantity. So he comes in and goes out at the sweet will of the selectors. It remains to be seen how Uday Merchant fares with his bat as his fielding qualities are of a very doubtful nature.

FORMIDABLE ARMY OF BATSMEN

On the whole Bombay's team will depend more on their batsmen than on their bowlers. If Vijay Merchant succeeds with the spin of the coin, as is his wont then we may expect Bombay to pile up a massive total in their first venture. They have a grand array of batsmen with Vijay Merchant Russi Modi, K. C. Ibrahim, Russi Cooper, D. G. Phadkar and Yeshwant Palwankar in the vanguard. Vijay would do well not to call upon Ibrahim to open Bombay's innings. He would be much more useful later on. Phadkar and Mantri or Tarapore may be suitable choices for the opening.

BOWLING RESTS ON FIELDERS

If Bombay has to field at the beginning, Phadkar and Vijay will perhaps initiate the attack, to be followed by Keki Tarapore, J. J. Kore and Madan Raiji. Although our attack is not of a very high order, it may yield good fruits, if our fielders play their parts well. In fact a good deal will depend on their ability to accept chances whenever they are offered to them. It must be remembered that Northern India possess a number of good batsmen too who given fair scope may put up substantial totals. Mohamed Sayeed, their skipper, Nazar Mohamed, Ram Prakash, Maqsood, Imtiaz Ahmed, Munilal and Aslam are all capable of collecting respectable figures. So any 'lives' offered to them would cost Bombay heavily.

NORTHERN INDIA'S HANDICAP

Northern India is very unfortunate in that their regular Captain, Dr. Jehangir Khan, and their best bowler, Chunilal, are unable to make the journey to Bombay. This has undoubtedly weakened their bowling department to a considerable extent. Now they will have to depend mainly on Abdul Hafeez, Badruddin and Shahabuddin to bear the brunt of the attack. Fielding again will play a vital part in their journey to the end. It will be interesting to see how the visitors fight against the formidable batting strength of the home team.

Troops of the 14th Army in Burma steadily force the Japs South along the river fronts towards Mandalay. Photo shows Indian soldiers boarding river craft to cross the Irrawaddy.

CHINESE FIRST ARMY TROOPS OCCUPY BURMA ROAD TOWN

Indian Division's Progress On East Bank Of Irrawaddy

KANDY, February 15: Today's S. E. A. C. Communique says:—

Northern Combat Area Chinese First Army troops yesterday occupied Kutkai on the Burma Road, 48 miles from Lashio, without opposition. Our tanks later successfully engaged a small Japanese armoured force midway between Kutkai and Hsenwi 32 miles from Lashio.

FOURTEENTH ARMY: Troops of the Nineteenth Indian Division made further gains in the Singu Bridgehead on the east bank of the Irrawaddy.

FIFTEENTH INDIAN CORPS: In the Gangaw sector the enemy's counter-attacks have ceased, but he is stubbornly defending his remaining positions.

On Ramree Island our patrols were active.

Eastern air command operations were on a reduced scale yesterday owing to weather.

RING TIGHTENS ON JAPS IN MANILA

MANILA, Feb. 14: Three United States Divisions are "gradually compressing the circle on the trapped enemy garrison in Manila," states today's communique from General MacArthurs Headquarters.

"Eleventh Corps has cleared the entire length of the Olongapo-Dinalupihan road across the Bataan peninsula and has advanced eleven miles south to seize Abucay, the eastern anchor of our first defence line in the 1942 campaign."

The communique added that the earlier hopes of a speedy purge of the Japanese from Manila were dimmed by their die or destroy tactics. They are fighting stubbornly from entrenchments in once magnificent Taft Avenue.

Heavy American bombers poured further 107 tons on Corregidor fortress, while fighters wiped out 24 more barges of the east coast of Bataan.

WILL RUSSIA ENTER PACIFIC WAR?

CHUNGKING, Feb. 14.

Observers here are speculating whether the 'Big Three' decision and possibilities of Russia entering the Pacific War will affect Japanese military strategy, says Reuter's special correspondent.

Japan some months ago apparently felt comparatively secure in Manchuria and according to all available Chinese intelligence reports, transferred troops both to the Philippines and China.

One thing is now certain, however—that there will be no further depletion of Japanese strength in Manchuria, but on the contrary, the invaders might find it expedient to shift some of their forces in China proper to points north of the Great Wall.

Whether they can do so without appreciably weakening their new hold in southern China is problematical.

All indications are that the Chinese are actively preparing for a counter offensive and that they plan to co-operate fully when American troops land on the China coast.

Kunming has become the centre of co-ordinated Chinese-American effort and with the establishment of headquarters there, only matters of considerable importance now have to be referred to Chungking.

The Crimea accord has without question stimulated hopes for a settlement of Pacific and Asiatic questions.

It is generally conceded that Russia's participation in the Pacific war would very materially shorten its duration.—Reuter.

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Japs May Offer Peace To Avoid Crack Up

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.

Mr. Erle R. Dickover, Chief of the Division Japanese Affairs in the State Department, in a speech to-day (Wednesday) said, "As the war in the Pacific progresses, certain elements in Japan may soon come forward with an offer of negotiated peace to avert a crack up."

This must not be accepted, he said.—Reuter.

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KUOMINTANG-COMMUNISTS SETTLEMENT

CHINESE GOVT. ACCEPTS CHOU EN-LAI'S PROPOSAL

Will Convene All Parties Conference To Chalk Out National Policy

CHUNGKING, Feb. 14.

The Chinese Government has agreed to convene a conference of the Kuomintang, Communist and other parties to consider interim measures for military and political unification of the country pending the convocation of the National Congress.

This is an important development in internal situation of China and was suggested by the Communist representative Chou En-Lai, who has been negotiating a settlement between the Kuomintang and the Communists and had rejected earlier proposals put forward by the Government.

Chou En-Lai is now returning to Yenan to consult his colleagues.

The proposal rejected by Chou En-Lai and described by the Government Minister of Information as "important concessions" included: Firstly, recognition of the Chinese communist party as a lawful political organisation; secondly, inclusion of prominent Communists as a member of the National Military Council; thirdly, inclusion of Communists and representatives of other parties in the executive Yuan forming the wartime cabinet, fourthly, establishment of a committee of three to consider a reorganisation of the Communist army.

On this committee the Government and Communist representatives would be on equal footing with possibly an American army officer presiding.

Negotiations for Governments acceptance of the Communist proposal to convene an all parties conference have been proceeding for the past fortnight.

JAMAICA AIRMEN AND W. A. A. F.

Question Of Contact Off Duty In Commons

LONDON, Feb. 14.

A question about coloured airmen from Jamaica associating off duty with women personnel of the R.A.F. was raised in question time in the Commons yesterday.

Mr. Driberg (Independent) asked the Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair, if he knew that on January 17 a senior W.A.A.F. officer read out to the W.A.A.F. personnel a message advising them against association off duty with coloured volunteer airmen from Jamaica who were then about to arrive at this station.

Mr. Driberg asked if he would make it clear to all concerned that it was not the policy of the R.A.F. to encourage racial discriminatin of any kind.

Sir Archibald Sinclair replied: At the R.A.F. station in question members of Women's Auxiliary Air Force were reminded of Air Ministry's standing "instructions that on all R.A.F. stations all personnel should observe towards volunteer airmen from Jamaica normal standards of service comradeship. No order against association off station was given and any such order would be contrary to the Air Ministry policy. I am, however, taking steps to remove any wrong impression which may prevail.—Reuter.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD Feb. 15.

Local shares moved narrowly and finally closed with steady tone.

Arvind 1482/3/0 Anil Starch 595 Ajit 387/8/0 Ambika 491 Calico 1413 Old Commercial 487/8/0 Jupiter 361 New Commercial 771/4/0 New Jahangir 1345 Bihari 285 Maha Laxmi 1520 Marsdon 1193 Monogram 184/8/0 Raipur 1495 Rohit 370 Vijay 422/8/0 Saraspur 596.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, Feb. 15.

SHARE MARKET: The market continued its steady undertone all round. The volume of business was fair and Government securities were unchanged.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Feb. 15.

Following are todays quotations in the Stock Exchange:—

SUGAR AND BREWERIES: Deccan (10) 39 Do (25) 92/8 India Sugar 34 Mysore Sugar d1/8 South India 16/8 Travancore 14/6.

PLANTINGS: Cochin Malabar 16/9 Chembra Peaks 9/14 Manalur 6/100 Nellithanam 15/8 Thirumbadi 4/8/6 Vaikundam 20/11 Vellamalai 29/8 Vellam 30 Woodlands 12.

TEXTILES: Bangalore Woi 466 B and C Ordy 307 Coimbatore Murugan 191 Do New 99 Kaleeswarar 725 Kothari Tex 32/12 Lakshmi 155 Do New 75 Pankaji 282 Ranga Vilas 145 Sitaram Spg 181 Vasantha 310.

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LONDON: The former Commander-in-Chief of Ceylon, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of Portsmouth.

ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS

Govt. Take Steps To Counteract Overcrowding In Trains

Passenger Rakes Strengthened, Dining Cars Withdrawn And D. I. R. Amended For Prompt Police Action

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15

Extra-territorial rights enjoyed by Indians in China were mentioned in a question put in the Assembly today by Mr. Govind Deshmukh. The External Affairs Secretary, Sir Olaf Caroe, said that under the Peking Protocol of 1901 Indians, like other British subjects, enjoyed certain extra-territorial rights of which the principal was exemption from the jurisdiction of Chinese courts. By the treaty for the abolition of extra-territoriality and related rights in China, signed on January 11, 1943, and ratified on May 20, 1943, to which treaty India was a party, these rights were surrendered.

RELIEVING PRESSURE ON TRAINS

Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, in reply to Sardar Mangal Singh detailed the measures taken to counteract overcrowding in trains. They were: strengthening of passenger rakes up to the maximum extent possible consistent with the haulage capacity of engines, capacity of loops and availability of stock; withdrawal of dining cars from many passenger trains and prohibition of the carriage of motor cars by passenger trains in order to make room for more passenger coaches; reservation of separate carriages for defence services so as to prevent military passengers crowding in the coaches for public; rigorous efforts to prevent ticketless travellers taking up accommodation in trains; running of special trains for large military movements so as to cause the least disturbance to ordinary passenger services; also regular specials on several routes for necessary moves of military personnel proceeding on leave; extensive propaganda to discourage travel and to exhort passengers to travel light; imposition of distance restrictions for travel in certain trains; promulgation of a new Defence of India Rules 85 C to make police help available to railway servants in order to deter passengers from travelling on the roof, buffers and footboards, etc., of carriages; taking of steps to help, where possible, in the development of road transport to relieve congested sections of railways so as to cope with the transport needs, civil and military, of the country; intensive use of all available coaching stock and the reconditioning of obsolete vehicles.

Plans had been made to increase the quantity of passenger rolling stock to the maximum extent possible, having regard to the difficulties in securing the requisite material. Sir Edward hoped the increase might be as much as four per cent towards the end of the next year.

SUBSIDIES

How many persons are paid subsidies by the External Affairs Department, asked Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar.

Sir Olaf Caroe said: Government are not clear what the Hon'ble Member has in mind, but the answer to the question a she has put it is that no subsidies are paid to persons as individuals and no remuneration could therefore be made.

In written answers to questions put by Mr. Lalchand Navalrai, Sir Olaf admitted that the Agent-General for India in the United States did conduct publicity in America.

Is it a fact that the shipbuilding industry of the Scindias at Vizagapatam is treated in a step-motherly fashion? asked Mr. K. S. Gupta. The Supply Member: If the Hon'ble Member is thinking of step-mothers who lack affection, the answer is no. (Laughter).

INCREASE OF COAL

Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar in reply to Mr. K. C. Neogy's question said that a portion only of the open cut coal mining equipment ordered had arrived in this country and it had been put to use in six collieries. The increase in output achieved so far was 55,000 tons per month.

INDIAN'S RIGHTS IN U. S.

Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari asked whether progress in the negotiations for the conferment of U.S.A. citizenship on Indians was not made because of the indifference of the Agent-General for India in America.

Sir Olaf Caroe: The Government of India deny this suggestion. On the contrary, the Agent-General has continued to represent with marked initiative and in unmistakable terms the importance, as the Government of India see it, of early legislation to enable Indians to acquire citizenship rights in and rights of entry into the United States.

INCREASE OF ALLOWANCES

In reply to two short notice questions put by Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar and Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, the Home Member said that certain proposals for increasing the war allowance and the dearness allowance were under the Government of India's consideration but he regretted he was at present not in a position to give any information regarding the nature of these proposals.

Mr. Chettiar: Are Executive Councillors getting the increase? (Laughter).

The Home Member: I am unable to give any information.

Sir Yamin Khan: When will the proposals be ready? (Mr. N. M. Joshi: After the session of the Assembly). The Home Member: No, before the session ends.

Mr. Nauman (vehemently): Is there any secret reason or design behind the Government of India's shyness and reluctance to disclose the proposals?

The Home Member: The only reason is that the proposals are not yet ready.

Sir Gurunath Bewoor informed Mr. Baijnath Bajoria that the cost of the delegation including salaries of officers deputed from India to the International Civil Aviation Conference at Chicago was approximately Rs. 40,000.—A.P. and U.P.

FOOD REQUIREMENTS

"The approximate amount of food grains required for the country as a whole in 1945 would be about 62 million tons", said Sir J. P. Srivastava in a written reply to Mr. T. S. A. Chettiar, in the Assembly yesterday. He added that the total yield of Rabi and Kharif grains is likely to be 54.5 million tons. The Food Member estimated wastage in food grains at about three to four per cent, or one and a half to two million tons.

The Commerce Member replied in the negative to Sardar Mangal Singh' squestion whether any assistance had been rendered to the inhabitants of the territories in India and Burma reconquered from the Japanese by the U.N.R.R.A.—A.P.

BENTHAL PRESENTS SURPLUS BUDGET FOR RAILWAYS

Does Not Propose To Make General Increase In Rates And Fares

NEW DELHI, February 15.

Presenting what he described as a somewhat unorthodox budget of the war, Transport Member, Sir Edward Benthall, stated that it was not proposed to make any general increase in rates and fares, apart from the decision announced already that from February 1 the port-to-port rates on certain goods be increased in order to bring them into line with the cost of shipment by sea.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day Sir Edward Benthall presented what he described as somewhat unorthodox budget. He proposed that the increased earnings of railways should be utilised to write down the high cost of rolling stock acquired and works executed during the war so that the Depreciation Reserve Fund shall not be unduly reduced or the Capital at charge improperly inflated. The surplus of 1944-45 is accordingly reduced by 24 crores on account of special items for this purpose and 30 crores will be similarly charged to Revenue in 1945-46. As a result a surplus of 42.01 crores is forecast for 1944-45 (8.83 crores less than last year and 1 lakh less than the original estimate) and for 1945-46 a surplus of 36.51 crores.

In 1944-45, total traffic receipts are expected to be 214.30 crores, 28.87 crores more than last year, and 32.30 crores more than the original estimate. Total working expenses, including appropriation to depreciation and payments to worked lines, are 147.49 crores and exceed last year's expenses by 38.65 crores including the 24 crores above referred to. The budget estimate of traffic receipts for the next year is 220 crores, 5.7 crores more than the current year, and of total working expenses 159.87 crores including the 30 crores mentioned.

Of the surplus, general revenues will receive 32 crores this year and next year also the same amount, unless the actual position turns out substantially different from what is forecast now. Of the amount to be transferred to Railwy Reserve, namely 10.01 crores in 1944-45 and 4.51 crores in 1945-46, 7 crores are earmarked for overtaking arrears of maintenance.

The balance in the Railway Reserve will in the year 1944-45 rise from 22.55 crores to 30.4 crores but will be 29.1 crores at the end of 1945-46. This year's opening balance in the Depreciation Fund was 92.8 crores. At its close it will be 98 crores and at the end of 1945-46, 92.71 crores.

The War Transport Member disclosed a gratifying picture of Railway performance. Military operational demands have been met to the satisfaction of the Service Chiefs.

MEASURES TO REDUCE CONGESTION.

Various measures have been taken to reduce congestion in ordinary trains. Special military leave trains have been run and further extension of this practice is under consideration, and in spite of the shortage of materials all possible efforts are being made to bring into service every coaching vehicle which can be made to run and to construct more coaching stock.

Coal supplies for the Railways have, however, been a continual source of anxiety owing to the low coal raisings, necessitating the closing of numerous stations. All demands for wagons for coal have been met but with the coming of the good coal raising season and with heavier demands for traffic, particularly Military, a period of great wagon stringency is likely to ensue and to last at least until the second half of the year.

SINGHBHUM SHOPS TO BE HANDED OVER TO TATAS.

Railway plans for post-war reconstruction are as well ahead as or in advance of those of any other Department of Government. A tentative programme of construction of new railways has been prepared and can be put into operation at a reasonably short notice. Standards for improved rolling stock and plans for amenities for third class passengers and staff are being finalised. It is hoped to hand over the Singhbhum Shops to Tatas on the 1st April, 1945, for the manufacture of boilers and locomotives, and to produce 100 boilers within the first 15 months of that date.

The Government had acted vigorously, ordering large number of rolling stocks.

The total stock ordered since 1942 has been 937 B. G. engines, 415 M. G. engines, 46,734 B. G. wagons, 12,481 M. G. wagons, of which 17,934 B. G. and 661 M. G. wagons have been ordered in India. Of these 255 B. G. engines, 334 M. G. engines, 4,029 B. G. wagons and 8,790 M. G. wagons were in service by the middle of January 1945. It is expected that the whole of the orders from overseas will be in the service by the early part of 1946, and the latest order for 10,000 wagons placed in India is scheduled for delivery over 1946, or early in 1947. Sir Edward Benthall gave the assurance that in spite of these immense purchases there would, subject to financial considerations, be plenty of orders available for the new locomotive works which were being established and that from 1947 onwards there would be room, from the technical aspect for wagon orders on the Indian Industry in excess of the pre-war average.

The effect of these large purchases on the finances of the Railways must clearly be abnormal, specially since they have been made at war time prices, and in some cases the stock delivered has been below Indian standards.

4 DAYS FOR DISCUSSION ON RLY. BUDGET

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15: The War Transport Member's speech presenting the Railway Budget lasted 55 minutes, and was followed by the Assembly with interest. At the end of the speech the leader of the House, Sir Sultan Ahmed, announced that in deference to the wishes of the House four days instead of three would be allowed for the voting on railway demands. The House adjourned till Monday.—A. P.

DALAL MAY GO TO BRITAIN

NEW DELHI, Feb. 15.—With reference to reports about Sir Ardeshir Dalal's plan to go abroad enquiries show that the suggestion that he will lead the Industrial Delegation to the U. K. and U.S.A. is incorrect.

Sir Ardeshir is, however, believed to have under consideration a proposal to visit the United Kindom in connection with other matters which are not disclosed. A visit to U.S.A. is still a remote possibility.—A. P.

FINED FOR PROFITEERING IN ICE

Noor Mohomed Wali Mohomed and Gulam Rasool Haji Taj Mohomed, of the Morning Star Restaurant, Byculla, have been convicted and fined Rs. 50 each for profiteering in ice and failing to display the Order fixing the price of ice respectively.

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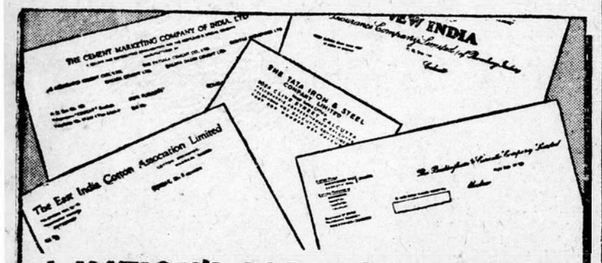

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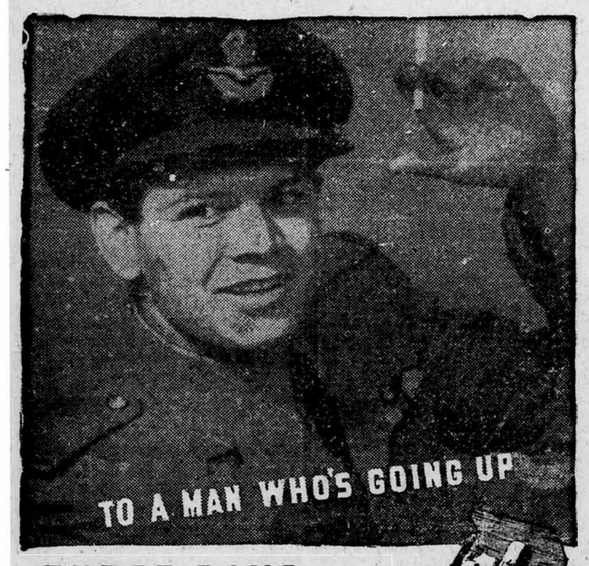

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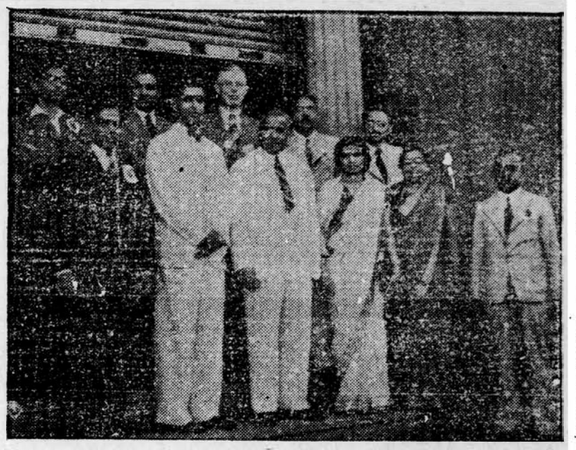

The annual social gathering of the Royal Institute of Science, Bombay, was held on 6th February. Photo shows in front row, (from left to right) Dr. Tawade, Principal Paranjpe, Dr. John Mathai (who presided), Mrs. Mathai, Mrs. Paranjpe and Mr. Mehta.

Milk Floods Secretariat

THOUSAND MAUNDS OF MUCH NEEDED COMMODITY POURED INTO STREETS

Dealers Know Not How To Dispose Of Surplus: Huge Quantity Distributed Free To Public

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The roads leading to the Bombay Secretariat were a veritable ocean of milk when shortly before midday a thousand maunds of the City's badly needed milk was poured in the streets by milkmen who thronged the Secretariat compound.

Today being the day when the skimmed milk scheme came into force, there was a surplus of 3,000 maunds of milk which used to meet the consumption in hotels and restaurants. Not knowing what to do with this huge surplus a part of it was sold for a song.

In some places milk was available for even an anna a seer. A few generous milkmen went out of their way to even distribute large quantities absolutely gratis and those who had the good fortune to get it had quite a hearty time.

RIVERS OF MILK

Fuller Road and Hope Street were regular rivers of milk and looked so white that one almost got the impression that it had snowed in Bombay overnight. Through the thickly laden shoe-deep coat of pasty milk those who made their way to the avenues of the Secretariat this morning had to wade.

Newspaper reporters who rushed to the spot in an automobile were splashed with milk just as it happens when a car passes through rain sodden roads.

BROUGHT TO SECRETARIAT

It appears that milk that was left over today was brought to the Secretariat and the receptacles placed at the entrances.

Representatives of the milk industry then met the Director of Civil Supplies and asked him what should be done with the huge surplus.

The Director is said to have expressed inability to do anything. Discussions proceeded for sometime and as no satisfactory agreement could be arrived at the milkmen came out and drained the milk into the streets inundating the whole area with a thousand maunds of this, precious, health-building fluid. This they said they had to do not only as a measure of protest but also to prevent the milk from getting fermented. They would rather destroy it than give it to the public even free of charge in a fermented condition.

Mr. Bakhle, the Director of Civil Supplies has, it is learnt called a special meeting of the Standing Committee of the Food Advisory Council, at 1 p.m. today and has requested the spokesmen of the milk industry to see him later at 3 p.m.

DEMAND FOR CHEAP MILK

"Milk Week" Demonstrations

Mrs. Vimal Ranadive, on behalf of Parel Mahila Sangh, writes:

Various women's organisations in Bombay observed the "Milk Week" from 3rd to 10th February. The Week was inaugurated in a public meeting at Anand Bhuwan by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu.

The last meeting of this Week was held at Parel in the Municipal School Hall. Nearly 300 women were present. Lady Rama Rau was in the chair. Miss Kapila Khandwala, Dr. Talwalkar, Mrs. Kamalabai Sohoni, Miss Kusum Ranadive and Mrs. Malati Nagarkar spoke.

Lady Rama Rau in her speech said that it was absolutely necessary to curb profiteering in the milk trade in the interests of the future citizens of India.

Miss Khandwala in her speech replied to various attacks that are levelled against price control of milk. She further said that organisations like the Congress and the Muslim League must take up this matter.

The meeting unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"This meeting is of the opinion that in the interests of the health of the citizens, it is extremely necessary that the common man should get enough milk at cheap rates. During the last two or three years, milk traders have raised the prices of milk beyond the means of the average citizen.

The meeting welcomes the scheme undertaken by the Government and the Corporation to provide cheap milk for children and expectant mothers.

"At the same time, the meeting requests the Government and the Municipality to incorporate the following changes in the scheme:

That milk be supplied free to children of those parents and expectant mothers who cannot afford it;

That in the proposed Government scheme the amount of milk supplied should be half a seer instead of a quarter of a seer;

That milk prices be controlled in such a way as will enable common people to buy it;

This meeting demands that to augment milk supply from outside Bombay, the import of "Mava" to the city should be banned:

This meeting condemns those milk traders who oppose the popular demand to control milk prices and requests the people to compel the Government through united pressure to control the prices of milk inspite of the opposition of the profiteers;

The resolutions moved by Miss Kusum Ranadive and seconded by Mrs. Malati Nagarkar.

Mrs. Kamalabai Sohoni, Secretary of the Parel Mahila Sangh, also spoke in support of the resolution.

The highlight of the meeting were two speeches made by Miss Sharaya Khandekar and Master Nandkumar Khandekar on behalf of the children and a ballad of milk sung by Miss Kumud Khandekar.

WANTED ECONOMIC PRICE FOR MILK

Mirajkar Reasons With Traders And Government

Mr. S. S. Mirajkar has issued the following statement on the milk crisis prevailing in the city:—

The Skimmed Milk Scheme began its operation to-day in the Bombay hotels and restaurants. As a result the immediate question arose as to how this surplus quantity of milk should be disposed of. The idea behind the Skimmed Milk Powder Scheme was to create a surplus so that women and children who have first claim over fresh milk may be able to get it at a reasonable rate.

The milk trade has been opposing the Skimmed Milk Scheme. They have not shown any attempt to understand the needs of the public or to forego a part of their exorbitant profit. Instead of attempting a settlement on the price question equitable to all and on the disposal of the surplus quantity of the milk, they have chosen to show their opposition to the Scheme by pouring out thousands of maunds of the milk on the streets in front of the Secretariat. Do they think that by this act of wantonly destroying milk badly needed by their own brother folk, they will win the sympathy of the public for their legitimate demands.

PROFITEERING IN MILK

I must say no constructive suggestions were made by them, nor was any real effort to find a solution of the problem which may harmonise their interests with those of the consumers. They seem to feel that they can dictate their terms to everybody else and not allow anybody to touch their vested interests, when it is admitted on all hands that profiteering is rampant in the milk trade.

In America years back entire crops of wheat were burnt by profiteers in order to keep up their profits, even while people were starving. Do our milk traders want to follow this notorious example?

The traders should not have resorted to these tactics. They should have sold the surplus milk to the needy public at any price for the time being, so that public sympathy for their legitimate demands would have been roused and fixation of a just and reasonable economic price would have been possible. I must emphasise that the milk traders cannot safeguard their own interests by going against the interests of the people.

PLEA FOR ECONOMIC PRICE

In the Corporation debate on this question when I moved an amendment I made it abundantly clear that while the milk price should be controlle, it should also be an economic price for the producer.

May I suggest to the milk traders not to resort to tactics of this nature, but try to reach an equitable settlement with the Government on the price question? If a fair price is fixed, the surplus milk can easily be sold in the city because there are thousands of needy families who have cut down their purchases of milk because the price dictated by the traders was exorbitant.

The Government should immediately intervene in the situation in order to fix a far ceiling price for milk. They should also evolve the extension of their scheme as quickly as possible so that the surplus milk may be properly absorbed.

ANEY ON INDIAN AID TO CEYLON

How It Changed Diet From Rice To Wheat

COLOMBO, Feb. 6.

Mr. M. S. Aney, representative of the Government of India in Ceylon, at a reception given by him in honour of Sir T. B. Panabokke, who is shortly taking up appointment as representative of the Government of Ceylon in India said: "People of India have very much appreciated Ceylon Funds to help Bengal famine victims as an expression of your sympathies for the Indians. I am afraid that it is not generally appreciated how the liberal and uninterrupted flow of imports and pulses and currystuffs have helped the people of Ceylon in changing their diet from rice to wheat which the extremely measure stocks of rice have forced on them.

In absence of these supplies the problem of substitution of wheat for rice by the masses of Ceylon in their daily diet would have proved extremely complex and more difficult of solution.

"So also in the matter of cloth both mill-made and handicom made. Every suggestion made by the Government of Ceylon to ease the situation in the local market had received the utmost consideration at the hands of the Government of India. There is thus an active spirit in India to accommodate the Government and the people of Ceylon, the principle that guided the Government of India in dealing with the problem of food supplies was one of doing a duty which one neighbour has to do to another in times of need.

No consideration of making a political bargain out of the difficulties of Ceylon has influenced them in their policy of food supplies to Ceylon.

These are unmistakable proofs of the fact that the heart of one is beating in full sympathy with other". —A. P.

INDO-CEYLON TRADE IN 1944

Balance Of Trade In India's Favour

BOMBAY, Feb. 14.

In a statement to the 'Associated Press' on Indo-Ceylon Trade, the Ceylon Trade Commissioner said that a glance at the 1944 trade returns of Ceylon imports into India reveals that her major products have continued to find an expanding market in India, despite wartime restrictions.

Ceylon continues to offer an El Dorado for Indian products and the volume of business once against leaves a pronounced balance of trade in India's favour. It is pleasing to note that the trade relations between the two countries are cordial, healthy and progressive, and it is no exaggeration to say that in the post-war period these ties will be further strengthened and trade between the two countries will flourish to a degree greater than ever before in the commercial history of the two countries.—A. P.

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Goebbels' Paper To Cease Publication

LONDON, Feb. 14.

"Der Angriff" Goebbels' own paper in Berlin is to stop publication from Saturday, the German Overseas News Agency reported to-night.

He founded it and for a time wrote its leader. It was the paper which established Goebbels' reputation as a propagandist among the Nazi Party, on the strength of which he became Minister for Propaganda when Hitler took over.—Reuter.

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2 German Saboteurs To Hang In New York

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.

Charged with landing from a German submarine on the coast Maine last November to serve as saboteurs and spies for the Third Reich, William Curtiss Colepaugh and Erich Gumpel were to-day sentenced to death by hanging.—Reuter.

CHILE DECLARES WAR AGAINST JAPAN

SANTIAGO, Feb. 14.

A state of war between Chile and Japan was announced officially to-night.—Reuter.

1,000 CLOTH LICENCES TO BE CANCELLED

Plight Of Merchants Without Business

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 15.

It is reliably learnt from official circles that nearly one thousand cloth licences of 1940 to 1943 cloth merchants who have done no business uptil now will be cancelled by one stroke.

Inquiries made in this connection reveal that the Assistant Textile Controller has issued notice to such merchants asking them to surrender their licences before proper authorities.

Seven Crore Housing Plan For Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 14.

A Rs. 7-crore plan for housing 100,000 slum dwellers and poor middle class people in the city has been submitted to the Government of Bengal by the Chief Executive Officer, Mr. S. P. Chatterjee.

Mr. Chatterjee suggests that the State should advance two-thirds of the whole capital cost free of interest to be recovered in 60 years by equal annual instalments. The balance should be raised by guaranteed bonds at three per cent or advanced by building societies.—A. P.

Milk Ration Cards

As the age limit for the issue of milk ration cards till February 15 was up to 6 years only, coupons on the milk ration cards held by children between 5 and 6 years are cancelled after the date the cardholder attains the age of 6 years. Now as the age limit has been extended to 10 years, the cancelled coupons will be revived by the issue of fresh cards on application at the residential Ward Offices, says a Press Note issued by the Supply Commissioner. The applications should be made at least a week before the expiry of the card.

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Children below 10 years of age in Bombay City are now entitled to get milk at subsidised rates. Apply IMMEDIATELY at your Ward Rationing Office in R form.

The Ration Card of the child concerned and OF THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD should be produced both at the time of applying for and obtaining the milk ration card.

As soon as the card is obtained, it should be registered forthwith at one of the milk distribution centres in the locality.

The timing for registration will be the working hours of the centres i.e. morning centres—6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and evening centres—4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The manager in charge of the centre will inform the card-holder at the time of registration the date on which the supply of milk will begin.

NOTE DOWN SOMEWHERE THE PARTICULARS OF YOUR RATION CARDS. THIS WILL HELP YOU IF YOU HAPPEN TO LOSE THEM. 3

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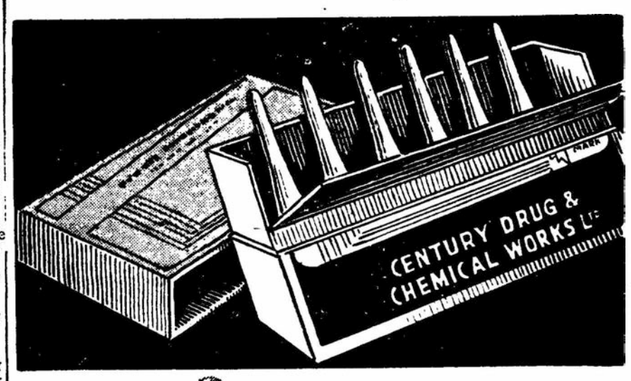

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Silver Quotations Pushed Up By Bulls

SCATTERED BUYING IN SHARES

Cotton Quiet On Tired Liquidation

BOMBAY, February 15.

The Share Bazar was fairly steady today with routine buying which resulted in small gains in quotations of active shares. The buying lacked impressive character. Associated Cement Shares were comparatively steady on the reported deal of 40,000 shares as a single transaction through a Bank to a Calcutta investor. However this reported sale failed to attract buyers. As a result of days trading Tata Steel Dfds. gained Rs. 15/- Ordinary Rs. 4/- Bombay Dyeing Rs. 5/- and Kohinoors Rs. 3/- Associated Cements improved to Rs. 239/- and finally closed at Rs. 238/- at a net rise of Rs. 2/-.

Bullion Market was lively and today while Gold was neglected bulls tried their game in Silver and pushed up quotation with some success to Rs. 125/8. Cotton opened steady but ruled quiet under scattered liquidation on the market is becoming dull and depressed.

The Share Bazar was quietly steady with a limited inter-Bazar trading and price movement was narrow. There is more disposition to await Budget proposals. However recent dividends have proved below average expectations and investors are leaning say to increase their holdings. On the other hand there are some who still believe that inflation will once again lift up share quotations. Under these divergent opinions, the market is marking time. Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 2,104 and after improving to Rs. 2,105 declined to Rs. 2,100. At this level there was slightly improved buying and Dfds. managed to reach Rs. 2,112 level and steadied at Rs. 2,110. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 391 and steadied at Rs. 392. Bombay Dyeing Shares opened at Rs. 1,772 and declined to Rs. 1,763 and later rallied to Rs. 1,770. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 585 and steadied at Rs. 586.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.
BOMBAY, Feb. 15.
MILLS.
Apollo 4/1/6 4/1
B. Dyeing 1775 67/8 71/4 65 70 65 73/12 65 71/4 70
Central India (Ord) 381 81/8 80/8 81/8 80/8 82/8 81/8 82/8 82
Century 900 907/8 2/8 5
Coana 215 14 16
David 1402/8
Edward 790 92/8 82/8 800 797/8
Elphinstone (Ord) 86
Elphinstone (Pref) 122/8
Finlay 299 306 3/8 4
Gokak 293 96 94 96 94
India United (Defd) 3/1/6 3/2 3/1 3/1/9 3/1/6
India United (Ordy) 14/10 14/11 14/8/6 14/11 14/10/6
Indore 660 75 82/8
Khatau 333/12
Kohinoor 586 87 83 85 84 87 85 87
Meyer 213/12 11/4 13/12
Model 255
Morarjee 682/8 70 80
Mysore 335 (Ex. Div)
New Great 386 85 86/8 85/8 86
Podar 335
Sholapur 7590
Shrinivas 350
Simplex 256/8 54/8 56/8 55/8 56/8
Swadeshi 681 30 31 30 31
Swan 320 19 24
Tata Mills 67/4 67/8
BANKS.
Baroda 141
Central 80/12 81
Imperial (Old) 1982/8
Ind.a 192/8
Reserve 133/4
National Savings (F. P.) 79/8
National Savings (F. P.) 39/8
ELECTRIC.
Ahmedabad 211/4
Amalgamated 18 18/4
Andhra Valley 1775 72/8
Tram (Ord) 149 48 48/8
Hydro (Ord) 204
Tata Power (Ord) 1870
INSURANCE.
British India 22/2
Empire 1610 1550 75 40
Indian Mercantile 70/4 70
Jupiter 36 36/8
New India 80/8 80/12 80/8
Oriental 6700 6900 6800
Universal 17
Scindia Steam 34/1 33/15 34/1 33/15 34
Tata Steel (Defd) 2102/8 10 2095 2105 2100 2115 1/4 6/4 2/8
Tata Steel (Ordy) 391/8 92 90 94 92/8 93 91 92 91/8 93 10 7/8
Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 159/8 60 59/12
MISCELLANEOUS.
Alcock 435 33/12
A. Cement 237 38/8 38 39 37/8 38/8 38
Belapur 222/8 22 27
Burmah (Old) 545
Burmah (New) 205
B B. Petrol 5/4/9 5/4 5/4/9 5/4
Indian Bleaching 173 74
I I. Trust 125/8
P. Construction 218/8 17/8
Shivrajpur 53 54
Tata Chemical (Ord) 20/6 22/4 21/8 21/14 21/6 21/12
Western India Match 331/4

Gold & Silver

While all city markets are marking time, the bullion market remains very lively with active price movement and speculative interest is easily attracted.

Professional operators are manipulating the market under inflation theory and quotations are kept higher despite daily sales by the Bank. Share sales are easily absorbed by professional operators as their hold on actual stocks enables them to dictate their own quotations.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 300 bars Silver at Rs. 124/12 and 16,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 72/7 to Rs. 72/8.

In the local market forward Gold opened to-day at Rs. 72/1 and declined to Rs. 71/6 on general realising but later steadied at Rs. 71/10. Ready Gold was quoted at a premium of 8 to 10 annas at Rs. 72/2.

Trading in Forward Silver started at Rs. 124/8 and declined to Rs. 124/2 under scattered selling but again rallied to Rs. 124/8 on renewed buying. Ready Silver was quoted at a premium of annas six at Rs. 124/14.

In the afternoon there was fresh outburst of active buying which forced considerable short covering and the market was strong. Closing quotations were as under:—

SILVER.
Ready Silver 125 14 0
Forward 125 8 0
GOLD.
Ready Gold 73 0 0
Forward 72 6 0
Sovereigns 43 4 0
(From Our Correspondent.)
BHUJ, Feb. 15.

Hundi rate of Kori 343 Silver Rs. 104/12, Gold Rs. 69/12.

Bombay Cotton

The Cotton Market was quiet to-day with a restricted business. It appears that the market is waiting for the declaration of options next week and thereafter it is feared that those who are not willing to accept March tenders would have to liquidate and speculative interest is now increasing in May delivery.

At the opening March was quoted at Rs. 442/8 and ruled quiet at Rs. 441/8 under scattered selling. Trading was restricted and the market was dull.

Under scattered long liquidation March delivery declined to Rs. 439/8 and steadied at Rs. 440/8. The market was dull and depressed. Closing quotations were as under:—

I.C.C. March 440 0 0
I.C.C. May 452 8 0
I.C.C. July 465 8 0

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton March Contract is 487 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
Bombay, Feb. 14.

	Hi.	Lo.	Close.
I.C.C. March	443	441	442/4
I.C.C. May	458	452/8	455
I.C.C. July	468	465	467/8
Karachi March	46/0/9	45/9/3	45/13/6

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EXPANDING DEMAND FOR LEND AND LEASE

New York Cotton Market Steady

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.

Opening gains due to price-fixing believed to be against lend-lease purchases were extended under the leadership of new crop deliveries on trade buying. The market was further influenced by inflation psychology and the emphasis placed on expanding demand for lend-lease purposes and also effectiveness of Government support programmes and talk of the possibilities of early action on the Peace Bill which is designed to liberalise the parity formula. Renewed rallies encountered increased realising evidently attributable to the excellent war news. The market closed barely steady.

At the opening March was quoted 22.00 and July stood at 21.49. Under price-fixing March advanced to 22.06 which was the highest point reached at noon. Later on there was increased realising in near months and March declined to 21.95 but new crop months were steady. The market closed at a net decline of 2 points to a rise of 7 points. Spot Cotton price was 2 points higher at 22.32 c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, Feb. 14.

March 21.95—02, May 21.86+02. July 21.48+03, October 20.82+07 December 20.73+05, January 20.67+05. March highest (11-21 a.m.) 22.06 +09. March lowest (3 p.m.) 21.95—02. Middling Spot 22.32+02.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York Feb. 14.

March 21.85—05, May 21.88+02. July 21.52+06, Middling Spot 21.40—.

NEW YORK COTTON, NOON CALL.
New York, Feb. 14.

March 22.02, May 21.92, July 21.54.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, Feb. 14.

Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c £12-3/4, Consols 2-1/2 p c £82-7/8, Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961 £106-7/8, War Loan 3-1/2 p c £104-15/16 Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90 £114-7/8, Victory Bonds 4 p c £115-3/16, Chartered Bank of I. A. & China £11, Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.) £89-1/2, National Bank of India £43.

LONDON BULLION.
London, Feb. 14.

Spot 25-1/2, Forward 25-1/2. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/8/0.

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, Feb. 14.

T. T. London on:—
New York sellers 4.02-1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2, Madrid Official 44.00, Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3, buyers 17.4, Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT.
London, Feb. 14.

Wheat, Rozario Santa Fe (New Crop) 41/3 March quoted.

Bombay Produce

BOMBAY, Feb. 15.

The Produce Market was quietly steady with a limited business and there was practically no change in quotations. The British Food Ministry bought 2,250 tons Groundnuts at £30/10 and 5,700 Linseed at £32. Quotations in the market were as under:—

Groundnuts Bombay Bold Rs. 14/10, Khandesh quality Rs. 15/6 Nizam Bold Rs. 13/11 and quality Rs. 14/7, Goa Feb.-March Rs. 14/7/6 and March Rs. 14/9/6. Castorseeds ready receipts Bombay Rs. 15/11. Feb.-March delivery Rs. 16/9. Goa delivery Rs. 15/9. Linseed C. P. and U. P. Rs. 15/8/6. G. I. P. Stations Rs. 15/7 and N. S. Rly. Rs. 15/5. The market is anxiously awaiting final outcome of Nizam permits.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS.
HAPUR Feb. 15.

Silver Rs. 125/2, Gold Rs. 71/12. Market extremely steady on heavy short coverings. Bardana Chet Rs. 55/5, Guwar Baishak Rs. 6/14/3, Wheat Rs. 9/12, Stock 470 Khattles Gram Rs. 8, Barley Rs. 6/12 Peas Rs. 6/4/3, Maize Rs. 7/7, Bajra Rs. 8/3, Arhar Rs. 7/6, Urad Rs. 13/5 Moong Rs. 10/10/9, Gur Rs. 8/14 to 9/2. Steady on military buying support. Arrivals 3,500 mds. Cottonseed Rs. 10/4.

CALICUT QUOTATIONS.
CALICUT Feb. 15.

Cocoanuts Raw Rs. 90 Dry Rs. 78, Cocoanut Oil Rs. 360, Copra Office Rs. 220, Dilpasand Rs. 230, Madrasnotham Rs. 230, Good Gooda Rs. 223, Pepper Wynaad Rs. 380 Country Rs. 370, Dry Ginger Rs. 280, Ernad Rs. 260 Coffee Robusta Rs. 90.

MONEY MARKET.
BOMBAY Feb. 15.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 days/st 1/6 7/32 1 and 2 months 1/6 1/4 3 to 6 months.

B. C. RATES: T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32.
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 3/32.

LDN/NEW YORK:
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 327 1/2.

LDN/MONTREAL:
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2.
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 295 3/4.

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet, dull.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call, one and two months 1/4 p c, 3 to 5 months 1/2 p c, 6 to 11 months 3/4 p c, 12 months 1 1/4 p c
Tone:—Easy.

PLASTIC PROCESS GIVES NEW LIFE TO COTTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 10: Plastic coated fabrics called Fabrilite, which have been used to meet military demands for jungle hammocks, mountain tents, life-raft sails and raincoats, are reported to have been developed to a point where they are expected to increase the utility of woven cotton goods. The treated materials, in which synthetic resin compositions are used, are easily stiched, resist stains, abrasion, stretching and shrinking and are washable. The fabrics are expected to be used for protective clothing, hospital sheets, baby clothes and household accessories.—GLOBE.

NO DEFACING OF CLOTH MARKINGS

Price Specification Cannot Be Altered

The Government of India have amended clause 13 of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order, with a view to clarify the provisions of the existing clause. The clause as amended provides that no manufacturer or dealer shall stamp any marking which has not been specified by the Textile Commissioner or any make addition or alternation to the specified markings. Possession by any person of cloth or yarn with defaced or altered markings is an offence punishable with three years' imprisonment in addition to fine. Those who have got such cloth for bona-fide personal requirements are not covered by this notification.

The same clause further provides that no manufacturer shall mark any cloth or yarn for which prices have not been fixed and notified by the Textile Commissioner except in cases where prices for such cloth or yarn have been submitted for approval to the Textile Commissioner and provisional prices have been supplied by the Member of the Industry's Committee of the Board concerned, these prices may be stamped on the cloth or yarn, and will be deemed to be prices fixed and notified by the Textile Commissioner pending final decision in the matter. The latter provision, however, does not apply to those manufacturers who had less than 25 power looms on 1st January 1944 or to any processor.

With reference to the Order contained in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 31st January 1945 requiring persons to submit monthly statements of stocks and commitments of Cotton Waste, a further Order in this connection has been published which adds to the Schedule "(VI) All other Hard Waste including mixtures in any proportion."

MOTION TO RESTRAIN MARWARI FROM MARRYING ADJOURNED

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhagwati)

Bai Kamla ..... Plaintiff.
v.
Rangnath Khemraj ..... Defendant.

The notice of motion taken out by the plaintiff through her next friend Madanlal Agarwal for an injunction restraining the defendant a sixty-year-old Marwari from marrying the plaintiff alleged to be a minor under the age of 14 years was heard by His Lordship on Thursday afternoon. The Court room was packed with Marwaris.

Counsel for the defendant stated that the girl was not in Bombay and that the story of the proposed marriage was entirely imaginary. He submitted that no prima facie case had been made out and that therefore the injunction applied for should not be granted by His Lordship.

Counsel for the plaintiff stated that if the defendant gave an undertaking to the Court that he would not marry the plaintiff, his client was prepared to submit to a dismissal of the suit with costs.

The Notice of Motion has been adjourned to to-morrow and His Lordship ordered the interim injunction to continue.

Mr. M. C. Setalvad and Mr. K. T. Desai instructed by Messrs. Mabir Ranchhodas & Co. appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. M. P. Amin instructed by Messrs M. B. Chothia & Co. appeared for the defendant

Missing Figures Competition A Lottery

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Blagdon)

Krishnaji V. Kadekar .. Plaintiff.
v.
Vasant S. Satavalekar & Another ..... Defendants.

This was a suit to recover Rs. 6,000 as the winner of the "D. S. C. Missing Figures Competition" run by the defendants who had announced that a ticket held by the plaintiff had won the prize.

The second defendant who was the promoter of the competition stated that the ticket was held by the plaintiff not as competitor but as the distributing agent and that the announcement relied on by him was merely a piece of "window-dressing." The first defendant stated that he was merely an agent of the second defendant.

His Lordship observed that eliminating those members of the human race who are incapable of doing addition and subtraction of sums, the winner of the competition must be determined by pure chance and therefore according to the locus classicus in Barclay vs. Pearson. It was a lottery. His Lordship therefore held that it was void as a wagering contract under Section 30 of the Contract Act.

FIRE IN SURAT VILLAGE

SURAT, Feb. 14: Eight houses were gutted by a fire in Vesu Village, Choryasi Taluka, on Saturday. Three buffaloes and a calf were also burnt in the fire. The damage is estimated at Rs. 20,000.—A. P.

BOMBAY RACES

5TH DAY—SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1945

The Governor-General's Cup;
The Byculla Club Cup;
The General Obaidulla Khan Memorial Gold Cup and The Turf Club Cup

One per cent. Tote Commission will be donated to the Bombay War Gifts Fund from the racing public and the R.W.I.T.C. will contribute an equal amount from its funds.

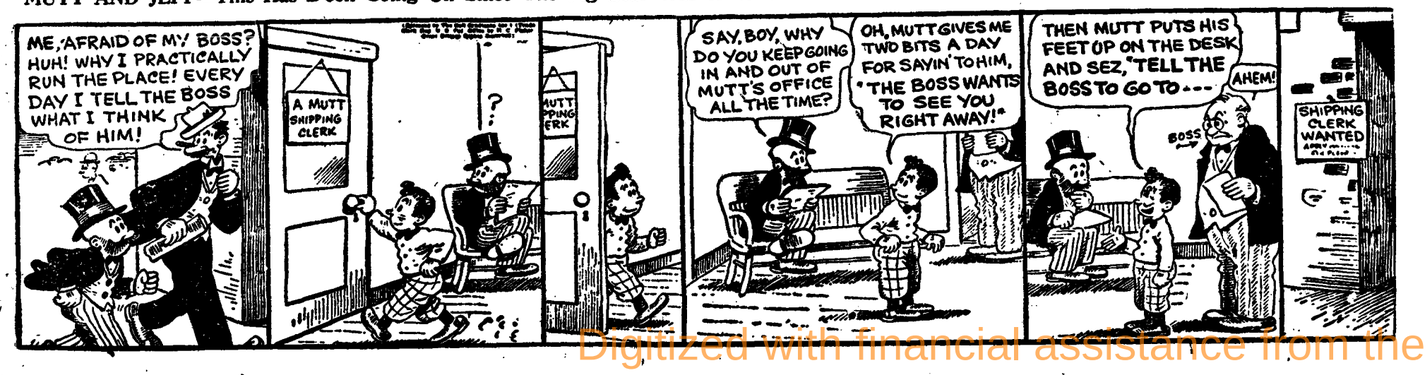
All N.C.O's and men of H.M.'s and Allied Forces in uniform will be admitted to the 1st and 2nd enclosures at half price.

DAY TICKETS:
1st Enclosure { Gentlemen .. Rs. 3-0-0 / Ladies .. „ 2-0-0
2nd Enclosure „ 1-4-0

NOTICE LAWN BADGES
Owing to limited accommodation in the Members' stand, the Committee have resolved that as from 27th January, 1945, Members be limited to the purchase of two Lawn Badges only for their guests for each Race day.

RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

MUTT AND JEFF—This Has Been Going On Since The Fig Leaf Was A Whole Wardrobe — By BUD FISHER


ME, AFRAID OF MY BOSS? HUH! WHY I PRACTICALLY RUN THE PLACE! EVERY DAY I TELL THE BOSS WHAT I THINK OF HIM!
A MUTT SHIPPING CLERK
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SAY, BOY, WHY DO YOU KEEP GOING IN AND OUT OF MUTT'S OFFICE ALL THE TIME?
OH, MUTT GIVES ME TWO BITS A DAY FOR SAYIN' TO HIM, "THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YOU RIGHT AWAY!"
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SITUATIONS VACANT

Wanted an experienced Economist for the work of Economic Investigation for six months, in the first instance. Salary upto Rs. 1,000 p.m. according to qualifications. Applications stating academic qualifications and experience with certificates should reach undersigned by 5th March, 1945 Hony. Secretary All-India Muslim League Planning Committee University Road, Aligarh. 2147

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For Sale Remington Standard and Hermes Baby Portable typewriters in excellent condition. Telephone 25997. (7319)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
STOCK DECLARATION ORDER AMENDED

Finance Department (Supply) Bombay Castle 9th February 1945.

No. 383/I(a)—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend Government Notification in the Finance Department (Supply) No. 383/I(a) dated the 7th September 1944, as follows, namely:—

For entry 22 in column 1 of Schedule II appended to the said notification the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"22. Hydrogenated vegetable oil including hardened vegetable oil, vegetable tallow, vegetable ghee and vanaspati."

By order of the Governor of Bombay,

A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. 1953

SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N. W. F. P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES applications from British subjects (domiciled in Punjab or Delhi) or subjects of notified Punjab States—Sikhs and statutory agriculturist preferred—NOT LATER THAN THE 9TH MARCH, 1945, on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by Treasury or M. O. receipt for Rs. 5|- for a temporary post upto 28-2-1946 of ASSISTANT TO PROVINCIAL TOWN PLANNER, PUNJAB. Pay: Rs. 200-600 p. m. Initial pay according to age, qualifications and experience. Age: Below 35 years on 9-3-45 unless already in Government service. Qualifications: Preferably Diploma in Town Planning recognised by the Town-Planning Institute for Associate Membership of that body; or a Degree or Diploma in Civil Engg. recognised for the P.S.E., B. and R. Branch; or a Degree or Diploma in Architecture recognised by the Royal Institute of British Architects for Associateship of that body; practical training in Town Planning, Civil Engg: and Architecture, in addition to theoretical training, and practical experience in a salaried post in Town Planning, Civil Engg: or Architecture. Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. Candidates who applied in November last need not apply. Their previous applications will be considered. (2139)

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Muslim candidates to fill a temporary post of Professor of Physics in a Government College in the Bengal General Service on Rs. 200|- per month fixed: Qualifications—must possess a First Class Masters Degree in Physics of an Indian University or a good honours Degree in Physics of a British University with research qualifications. Preference will be given to a candidate with previous teaching experience. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 5th March, 1945. (2145)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates to fill three vacancies in the posts of Banking Assistant for the office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Bengal of which two are reserved for Muslims and one for a non-Muslim. Pay—150-250. Qualifications—must be a registered Accountant or a B.Com. with advanced Accountancy as his special subject and some practical experience in a bank. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. Application forms will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 28th February, 1945. (2146)

SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N. W. F. P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE,

INVITES APPLICATIONS from British subjects and subjects of notified Punjab States (Punjabis preferred) on or before the 9th March, 1945 on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury or M. O. receipt for Rs. 5|- for four temporary (for about three years for the present) posts of DEPUTY WARDEN OF FISHERIES, PUNJAB Pay: Rs. 200-600|- p. m. For direct recruits: Rs. 160|- p. m. Qualifications: B.Sc. (Honours) in Zoology or a higher degree from a recognised University; post-graduate training preferred, Age-limits: 22 and 35 years—maximum age-limit relaxable in special cases. Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. (2138)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND

SEPARATE applications invited for permanent pensionable posts in Low Medical College, Hyderabad (Sind). Govt. servants eligible to apply. Selected candidates will have to join by 5th April 1945 at the latest. AGE.—Not more than 35 years but may be relaxed in suitable cases. PAY Rs. 400-20-750 PLUS Rs. 100 for loss of private practice. Higher starting pay allowed in suitable cases.

(1) ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ANATOMY.—QUALFN.—(i) M.S.,; or (ii) F.R.C.S. (Eng., Edin. or Ire.); or (iii) an ordinary medical degree AND in addition post graduate degree in Anatomy.

(2) ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY.—QUALFN.—(i) M.D.; or (ii) M.R.C.P., or (iii) an ordinary medical degree AND in addition post graduate degree in Physiology.

(3) ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EMBRYOLOGY. — QUALFN. —(i) M.S.; or (ii) F.R.C.S. (Eng., Edin., or Ire.); or (iii) an ordinary medical degree AND in addition post graduate degree in Embryology.

Apply immediately giving full details, viz., date of birth, full educational qualifications, professional and teaching experience, previous service if any, etc. Copies of all necessary certificates should be attached. Applications should reach Secretary Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission, P. W. D. Secretariat, Bombay, not later than the 28TH FEBRUARY, 1945. 2113

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY,

Office of the Controller of Supplies, Bombay.

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, Bombay, invites Tender No. BSY|FLIP|1942 to reach him on or before 28-2-45 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. five (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash, or by money order or Indian postal order (quoting Tender Number, full name and address of the remitter) for:—

FELT SHEET WHITE 6'-0" x 4'-0" x 1|4" THICK—1150 ROLLS

Applicants not already on approved list of Supply Department Contractors must give their Banker's reference on application for Tender Form. (2148)

PUBLIC NOTICES

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

Office of the Controller of Supplies (Disposals) Strand House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

AUCTION NOTICE.

The following public auction sales will be held during the month of February 1945.

LOCATION	DATE.	TIME.	STORES OFFERED FOR SALE
1. P. S. D. Haji Bunder Sewree, Bombay.	19-2-45	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores & M.T. parts.
2. M. T. Breakdown Depot Nasik Road.	20-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	M.T. Parts.
3. Salvage Sub Depot, Nasik Road.	21-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
4. Army Salvage Depot Ghorpuri.	21-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
5. Govt. Timber Salvage Depot, Matunga	22-2-45	10-30 A.M.	Timber recovered from packing cases.
6. Salvage Sub Depot, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad (Dn.)	22-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	Misc. General Stores
7. M. T. Breakdown Depot, Trimulgherry, Secunderabad (Dn.)	23-2-45.	10-30 A.M.	M.T. Parts.
8. M. T. Breakdown Depot, Dehu Road.	24-2-45.	11 A.M.	M. T. Parts.

2. The materials to be auctioned can be viewed at site by previous arrangement with the Officer's in charge of the Depots concerned.

3. Terms and conditions governing the auction sales will be announced by the Government Auctioneers prior to the commencement of the auctions. 2140

G.I.P. RAILWAY.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.
LORRY SERVICE FOR PARCELS TRAFFIC FROM BOMBAY TO POONA.

The G.I.P. Railway has commenced operating a road lorry service from Bombay V. T. to Poona for the conveyance of parcels traffic. All descriptions of parcels traffic will be carried from Bombay to Poona by this service with the following exceptions:—

(a) Explosives, Arms and Ammunitions, inflammable articles and other dangerous goods.
(b) All oils including ghee and offensive goods.
(c) Newspapers, perishables, films, excepted and insured articles and contraband goods.
(d) Traffic offering loose or in bulk.
(e) Carriages on or not on their wheels, palanquins, Dholies, Howdahs, Canoes, boats, parambulators rikshaws, all types of cycles etc. and poultry.
(f) Motor cars.
(g) Passengers' luggage.
(h) Live stock.
(i) Packages weighing more than 5 maunds or exceeding 20 c. feet in volume or 10 feet in length.

Parcels will be booked at the Parcel Office, Victoria Terminus, and delivered at the Parcel Office, Poona, in the usual way and will be charged at the ordinary full parcel rate, i.e., Rs. 1-13-0 per maund plus increased charge.

On account of this additional facility, parcels traffic carried by lorry from Bombay to Poona will not be subject to any limitation on the number of consignments which may be despatched by any one consignor in a day, or on the number of packages forming a consignment. Also, except as specified above, there will be no restriction on the description of commodities accepted for conveyance and the prohibition imposed by the G.I.P. Railway on the carriage of certain commodities as parcels will not apply to this service. (2150)

G. I. P. RAILWAY
BOMBAY-POONA TRAIN SERVICE

IT IS NOTIFIED that with effect from 17th February 1945, the running of 481 Down Karjat Local will be extended to Poona on ~~SATURDAYS ONLY~~ and the same will run as an additional train Ex Poona to Bombay on MONDAYS ONLY to the following timings. These trains have been allowed halts of 10 minutes at Kalyan and Lonavla for the convenience of passengers.

TRAIN NO. 481 DN. H. M.			TRAIN NO. 490 UP. H. M.	
18—00	D	Bombay	A	4—50
18—08	D	Byculla		.....
18—18	D	Dadar	D	4—26
18—28	D	Kurla		....
18—48	D	Thana		....
19—09	A	Kalyan	D	3—42
*No. 781			No. 490	
19—19	D	Kalyan	A	3—32
19—56	A	Neral	D	2—58
19—58	D	"	A	2—53
20—17	A	Karjat	D	2—40
20—20	D	"	A	2—35
21—03	A	Lonavla	D	1—50
No. 787			No. 790	
21—13	D	"	A	1—40
21—39	D	Talegaon	D	1—04
21—50	D	Dehu Road	D	0—48
22—09	D	Kirkee	D	0—25
22—25	A	Poona	D	0—15
			*No. 793	

D—Departure A—Arrival

*781 Down will stop at all stations between Kalyan and Karjat as at present. (2151)

NOTICE.
WAR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

GOVERNMENT have decided to permit import from U. K. of a certain number of light motor cycles of 98 and 125 c. c. for sale under Government control to essential users.

Regular pre-war importers of motor cycles who desire to import such motor cycles should apply to the Assistant Controller of Road Transport Supply (Vehicles), War Transport Department, New Delhi, for further particulars. (2144)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 25th February 1945 for the temporary post of Assistant Statistician, Finance Department (Supply), Bombay, in the scale of Rs. 300-20-600. Qualifications—Honours Degree in statistics, or M.Sc. or Ph.D. (Science) degree with special training in statistical methods and good administrative capacity. Preference will be given to candidates with sound knowledge of agricultural statistics. Higher starting salary may be sanctioned according to qualifications and experience. Candidates should state the minimum salary acceptable.

Establishment Officer,
Finance Department (Supply),
Secretariat, Fort, Bombay. (2149)

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of Second hand and damaged empty Kerosene oil tins. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Re. 1|- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 2-3-1945 at 3 P.M. (N.S.T.) (2112)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all concerned that the partnership subsisting between Th. Valji Bhanji and the undersigned Popatlal Ratanchand Karamchand under the name of Messrs. Popatlal Valji & Co., doing business in Saffron, Camphor, Cardamum etc., at Samuel Street, Vadgadi, Bombay is dissolved as from the 13th day of February 1945 and that the debts and outstandings and stock-in-trade have been taken over by the said Th. Valji Bhanji and he is entitled to recover the outstandings thereof and is alone liable to pay the debts of the said partnership.

Henceforward no partner is entitled to transact any business in the name of Messrs. Popatlal Valji & Co.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1945.

(Sd.) SHAH POPATLAL RATANCHAND KARAMCHAND (7317)

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE.

THE SAHYADRI INSURANCE CO., LTD., NASIK

THE SIXTH MEETING of the Policy-holders of the Company will be held at its Registered Office on SATURDAY, the 26th May, 1945, at 5 p.m. (I.S.T.) to transact the following business:

(1) To elect five Directors to represent the Policy-holders on the Board of Directors.
(2) To recommend Auditors for appointment by the Shareholders.

Applications with full name, address and policy particulars from eligible policy-holders (Holding otherwise than as assignees policies insuring either a total sum of not less than rupees three thousand or annuities of a total amount of rupees two hundred and fifty, such policies being in force for not less than three years) signifying their assent to accept Office, if elected, should, by Registered Post, reach the Head Office of the Company not less than two months before the date of the Meeting.

Only and all persons holding policies issued by the Company which are in force for not less than six months as at the date of meeting and holding certificates of admission shall be eligible to attend and vote at the meeting. Applications for certificates should reach the Company not less than two months before the date of meeting.

Votes for the election of Directors may be given at the Meeting either personally or by proxy. The instrument appointing the proxy should be in the prescribed form and must be presented at the Head Office of the Company not less than one month before the date of the Meeting.

For item (2) policy-holders whose policies have been in force for at least three months will also be eligible for admission.

G. G. SOUNDANKAR,
Managing Director.

Nasik dated: 19th Feb. 1945. 2143

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLEARED CARGOES OF THE B. P. T. DOCKS.

In accordance with Sec. 64 of the Bombay Port Trust Acts of 1879 and as from time to time amended under instructions from the Manager Bombay Port Trust Docks, MENESSE & CO. will sell by Public Auction on TUESDAY, the 20th February 1945 at 2-30 p.m. at Alexandra Docks (Sale Warehouse), Bolts and nuts and rivets; Elec. wire; Screws; Compound; Chemical; Drill's &c.

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For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Court Receiver High Court or to the undersigned.

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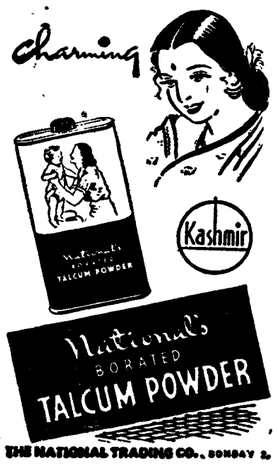

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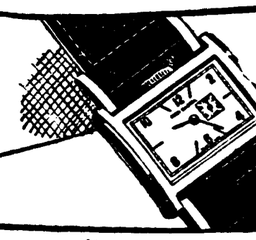

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